THE IRWIN FAMILY HISTORY

in the correspondence between

John Robert Irwin

Paoli, Pa.

and

his uncle

John Lewis Irwin

Clearfield, Pa.

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Dear Uncle Lew:

I have been doing some genealogical research with reference to our family lines with results that are, to say the least, very interesting. I have filed the gist of such genealogical information as is now in my possession with the Chester Co. Historical Society, West Chester, Pa. We do not know what to expect in this part of the country and it would be a pity if our family records were destroyed by any of the vicissitudes of war. Since I know you are as interested as I in the history of our family, I thought I would write you a series of letters in which I would give you a record of such information as I possess to date. When I have completed it, I will also send you a family chart which will clarify your direct lineage so far as I know it. In this letter I shall confine myself to the IDDINGS-IRWIN lines. Strangely enough, though our name is IRWIN, we are more IDDINGS than anything else, due to cousin marrying.

The earliest Iddings of which I have record are RICHARD and SARAH IDDINGS, of Nantmeal Township, Chester Co. Pa. I do not know when or where either of them was born, nor when they were married nor what Sarah's maiden name was. RICHARD died in 1726, and his wife SARAH died in 1727. Richard and Sarah Iddings had five children, viz.:

Richard, Jr.
William
John
Ann
Elizabeth

John Iddings married Rose Moore and died in Robeson Twp. Berks Co., Pa. without issue, in 1748.

Elizabeth married Joseph Row or Roe.

RICHARD IDDINGS JR (date of birth I do not know) was married in St. Paul's Church, Chester, Pa. on 8-18-1705 to MARGARET PHILIPS. She was born in 1671, where I do not know; and died 11-21-1755 and was buried in the graveyard of the Newtown

Baptist Church. On April 10, 1716 he bought 120½ acres in Newtown Twp. in what is now Delaware Co., Pa. from William and Elizabeth Philips and resided there, dying there in 1753. RICHARD IDDINGS JR and MARGARET PHILIPS had two daughters, PRISCILLA and ELIZABETH.

Priscilla Iddings was born 1707 and died 6-11-1781. She married Humphrey Wayne, who was born in 1700 or thereabouts.

Elizabeth Iddings was born about 1709 and died in May 1793. She married Isaac Wayne (I don't know when) who was born 1699 and died in Nov. 1774. He came to this country from County Wicklow, Ireland, in 1724 probably in company with his father Capt. Anthony Wayne, who was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1666 and died in Chester Co. Pa. 12-2-1739.

ISAAC WAYNE and ELIZABETH IDDINGS had four children, viz.:

William, born before 1739 and died an infant.
Hannah (married Samuel Vanleer)
ANTHONY
Ann, born 1751; died 6-9-1807; married about 1772 in Christ Church, Phila. to William Heyman.

ANTHONY WAYNE, son of Isaac Wayne and Elizabeth Iddings, was the Brig. Gen. Anthony Wayne of Revolutionary War fame. He was born in Waynesborough, Easttown Twp. Chester Co., Pa. (about a mile from where I live) 1-1-1745 and married Mary Penrose in Christ Church, Phila. 3-25-1726. He died in Erie, Pa. 12-15-1796. One of his descendants, William Wayne (your fifth cousin now lives in Waynesborough.

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WILLIAM IDDINGS, son of Richard and Sarah Iddings, and brother of Richard Iddings Jr, was our ancestor. He died in 1740 in Nantmeal Twp. Chester Co., Pa. I have no record of his birth or marriage. His wife's name was Mary, but I don't know her maiden name. WILLIAM and MARY IDDINGS had ten children, viz.:

Mary (married Jonathan Millard
Richard
William Jr (of whom more anon)
Henry (born 1727; died 1819; married 3-23-1752 to Mary Wynn
John (married Rebecca Lewis

James
Sarah (married Richard Lewis)
Elizabeth (married James Lewis)
Jane (married first Thomas Lewis; second Edward Harry)
Martha

JOHN IDDINGS, son of William and Mary Iddings, married REBECCA LEWIS. I don't know the dates of his birth, marriage, nor death. Rebecca Lewis was the daughter of JAMES LEWIS "of Cumru" who was born in Wales and was "said to have settled in Pa. before (wm.) Penn".

The children of JAMES LEWIS were:

James (who married Elizabeth Iddings, sister of John)
Richard (who married Sarah Iddings, sister of John)
  (the Exeter Meeting records show he had a son Thomas who married his first cousin Rachel Iddings before 12-31-1777, and a daughter Sarah who married her first cousin before 8-29-1781.)
REBECCA (who married the abovementioned John Iddings)
Thomas (who married Jane Iddings, John's sister)
Daniel.

(This is especially interesting to you, as undoubtedly the original source for your given name Lewis.)

The children of JOHN IDDINGS and REBECCA LEWIS were:

Mary (born 10-21-1748, married before 10-26-1768 to John Bartley)
SARAH (who married JOHN IRWIN--See below)
William (born 11-4-1753; died 1-13-1835)
James (born 8-3-1755)
Rachel (born 6-11-1758; married before 12-31-1777 to her first cousin Thomas Lewis--as mentioned above)
Lydia (born 10-22-1761, died an infant)
Lydia (born 3-28-1764).

SARAH IDDINGS, daughter of John Iddings and Rebecca Lewis, was the wife of JOHN IRWIN who came from County Antrim, Ireland, about 1772, of Scotch ancestry. His father WILLIAM IRWIN was born in 1728 and died in County Antrim, Ireland, 11-30-1773. William Irwin married Isabella Feirs about 1749. She came to this country in 1801 in company with her son Matthew and his nephew John, staying in Baldeagle Valley (Center Co.) till 1804, when they went to "Red Stone, Washington Co." "and there were lost sight of by their Center Co. friends".

The children of William Irwin and Isabella Feirs were:

John (see below)
Martha (born in Co. Antrim, Ireland, 3-2-1752)
James (born in Co. Antrim, Ireland, 7-26-1754)
William (born in Co. Antrim, Ireland, 6-23-1757)
Nathaniel (born in Co. Antrim, Ireland, 12-8-1759)
Elizabeth (born in Co. Antrim, Ireland, 11-15-1766)
Matthew (born in Co. Antrim, Ireland, 11-5-1768).

JOHN IRWIN, son of William and Isabella Irwin, was born in Co. Antrim, Ireland, 1-3-1750 and came to this country about 1772. On 8-25-1774 he was married to the aforesaid SARAH IDDINGS (second cousin of Gen. Anthony Wayne) by Church of England ceremony, for which cause she was read out of (Friends) meeting and dismissed from Exeter Meeting, Robeson Twp, Berks Co., Pa. in Oct. 1774. Both later became Quakers. The census of 1790 shows him and his family in Brandywine Twp. Chester Co., Pa. The Bradford Monthly Meeting, records his transfer with his family from Robeson, Berks Co., to Brandywine Twp. Chester Co., Pa. 7-15-1791; ctr. from Bradford Mthly Mtg. to Robeson Mtg, Berks Co., 3-13-1795; Robeson to Brandywine again 5-17-1799; thence in the fall of 1800 to Baldeagle Valley, Center Co. He died 3-26-1829.

SARAH IDDINGS, his wife, was born 4-30-1750, and died 8-6-1811.

Children of John Irwin and Sarah Iddings:

William (born 5-20-1775; died 5-29-1858; married Mary Taylor "and raised a large family." Died in Unionville, Center Co. He was "one of the early school teachers in the Baldeagle Valley."
Rebecca (born 4-4-1778, died 4-13-1778
Isabella (born 12-1-1779; died 9-13-1834 -- she was an imbecile).
John Jr., (born 10-12-1782, died 1-19-1859 -- suddenly in Friends Meeting, in Bellefonte-- married 11-17-1802 in Muncy, Pa. to MARY FISHER, [your great-grandfather].
Martha (born 4-1-1789, died 10-23-1865).
Mary (born 4-26-1785, died 9-13-1795).

JOHN IRWIN JR was born 10-12-1782 in either Chester or Berks Co. and died suddenly in Friends Meeting at Bellefonte, Pa. on 1-19-1859. He accompanied his father and the Fishers and the Iddings to Baldeagle Valley near Snowshoe Intersection in the fall of 1800; and in 11-17-1802 he was married to MARY

FISHER by Friends Ceremony in Muncy, Lycoming Co. She was of pure English descent, and was a descendant from some of the earliest settlers of Pennsylvania. The lines from which she descended are early, prominent and very interesting, and I will devote my next letter to them.

Children of JOHN IRWIN JR and MARY FISHER:

Hannah (born 8-11-1803; died 6-15-1830; married 8-15-1827 to William Way, of Half Moon, Center Co. One child, who died in infancy.
Ellis (born 6-17-1805, died 5-10-1902; married 6-10-1827 to Hannah Iddings (of whom more anon), [your grandfather,].
John (born 3-13-1808, died 8-14-1889; married 10-19-1837 to Anna Harris Linn.)
Sarah (born 3-13-1810, died 3-25-1848; married 10 or 11-11-1830 to Thomas Brooks, of Milesburg, Center Co.)
William Fisher (born 8-4-1812, died 9-5-1887; married 8-10-1848 or 8-17-1847 to Susan Antis).
Melissa (born 1-18-1815, died between Oct. 1894 and June, 1895; married 10-15-1846 to Louis W. Hagerman of Bellefonte).
James (M.D.) (born 7-23-1817, died 1-21-1894 in Lander, Wyo.; married 2-22-1842 or 43 to Sarah Matilda Trumbull.)
Martha Ann (born 7-20-1820, died 1-19-1900; married 2-15-1845 or 6 to James C. Williams).
Mary Jane (born 2-12-1825, died 9-25-1901 at Oak Park, Ill, near Chicago; married 6-30-1853 to Augustus Hyman).

(If you want a full account of the above and their children and descendants, please let me know and I will give you what I have.)

WILLIAM IDDINGS JR, son of William and Mary Iddings, brother of John Iddings, was born about 1726, and died 12-1-1800. He was married three times. His first wife's name was Hannah. I don't know her maiden name. Their children were:

Joseph (went to Ga. 1774).
William 3d(born 11-21-1749, died 1804; married 5-23-1771 to Hannah Sharpless).
Benjamin (married in 1776 to Phebe Wilkinson, and went south in 1779. His children: Rachel, Ruth, Talbot, Mary).
James (married 5-17-1780 to Mary Peirce. Their children: Ann, Hannah, Joseph and Caleb P.).
Hannah (married in 1784 or 5 to William Guthrie).

On 6-26-1766 William Iddings Jr. married a widow, Mrs. Hannah Musgrave, in Robeson Meeting, Berks Co., Pa. Her maiden name was HANNAH SCARLETT. On 4-30-1743 or thereabouts she had married Thomas Musgrave, and their children of which I have record were: Thomas, Mary, William, Eleanor, and Abraham Musgrave. Abraham

Musgrave was certified from Exeter Monthly Meeting, Berks Co., Pa. to Bradford Mthly. Mtg. 6-29-1774 with his stepfather William Iddings.

WILLIAM IDDINGS JR and HANNAH (SCARLETT) MUSGRAVE had one child:

John, born 12-25-1767, died 1838; married 6-21-1787 to ANN CARROLL, reputed to be a near relative of Charles Carroll of Carrollton, signer of the Declaration of Independence. The lineage of Charles Carroll was as follows:

1. Fionir, Prince of Chief of Ely (Co. Tipperary, Ireland), slain in battle 1205, had issue:
2. Teige, Chief of Ely, who had (with Maobmanaidh) a son:
3. Donal, Chief of Ely, who settled at Litterluna, and had issue:
4. Donough Dhearg, died 1306; Chief of Ely, who had issue:
5. William Alainn (The Handsome), Chief of Ely, who had issue:
6. Donough, died 1377; Chief of Ely, who had issue:
7. Roderic, who had a son:
8. Daniel, who had a son:
9. Roderic, who had a son:
10. Donough, who had a son:
11. Teige, who had a son:
12. Donough, who had a son:
13. Daniel O'Carroll, who had a son:
14. Anthony O'Carroll of Litterluna, who had a son:
15. Daniel O'Carroll of Litterluns, who had issue:

    Anthony of Lisheenboy in Co. Tipperary, whose will was proved 1724, having had issue:

        Daniel
        Michael
        James (a captain in Lord Dongan's Regiment of Dragoons, from whom descends Alfred Ludlow Carroll of New York and Charles, whose will was proved 1724;
        Charles (16, below)
        Thomas
        John (died 1738).

16. Charles Carroll (originally O'Carroll) second son of Daniel O'Carroll of Litterluna, was of the Inner Temple, London; emigrated to Maryland, 1688; and dying in 1747, he left issue:
17. Charles Carroll (of Doughoregan Manor, Howard Co. Md., born 1702, died 1782; Attorney-General of Maryland. He married Elizabeth Brooke, and had a son:
18. Charles Carroll (of Carrollton, Md., born 1737, died 1832; Signer of the Declaration of Independence. He married in 1768, Mary daughter of Henry Darnall Jr. and died 1833. He left issue:

        Charles Carroll (19, below)
        Mary (married Richard Caton of Md.)
        Catherine, (married Gen. Robert Goodloe Harper of S.C. and had:
            Charles (married Miss Chafelle, of S.C.)
            Robert (died at sea)
            Emily

19. Col. Charles Carroll, (only son of Charles Carroll the signer, died 1861; married 1799, Harriet Chew, daughter of Hon. Benjamin Chew, Chief Justice of Penna. and had issue:

Charles
Mary Sophia
Louisa
Harriet
Elizabeth

ANN CARROLL was born 12-25-1767 and died 5-8-1829 in Baldeagle Valley, Center Co. Pa. She may possibly have been a descendant of either 16 or 17 and have been a first, second, or third cousin of the signer of the Declaration of Independence. However this is conjecture on my part. Actually, I know nothing whatever of her parentage, and have only the tradition of our family that "she was a near relative of the Signer -- ". I have been unable to establish a connection. She married a Quaker in Berks or Chester Co. and so must have been Protestant, perhaps herself Quaker. The Carrolls of Carrollton were Catholic.

The third wife of WILLIAM IDDINGS JR was Abigail Windle of Brandywine Twp. Chester Co., Pa. whom he married 9-25-1799 at East Caln Meeting, Chester Co. He died the next year, 12-1-1800.

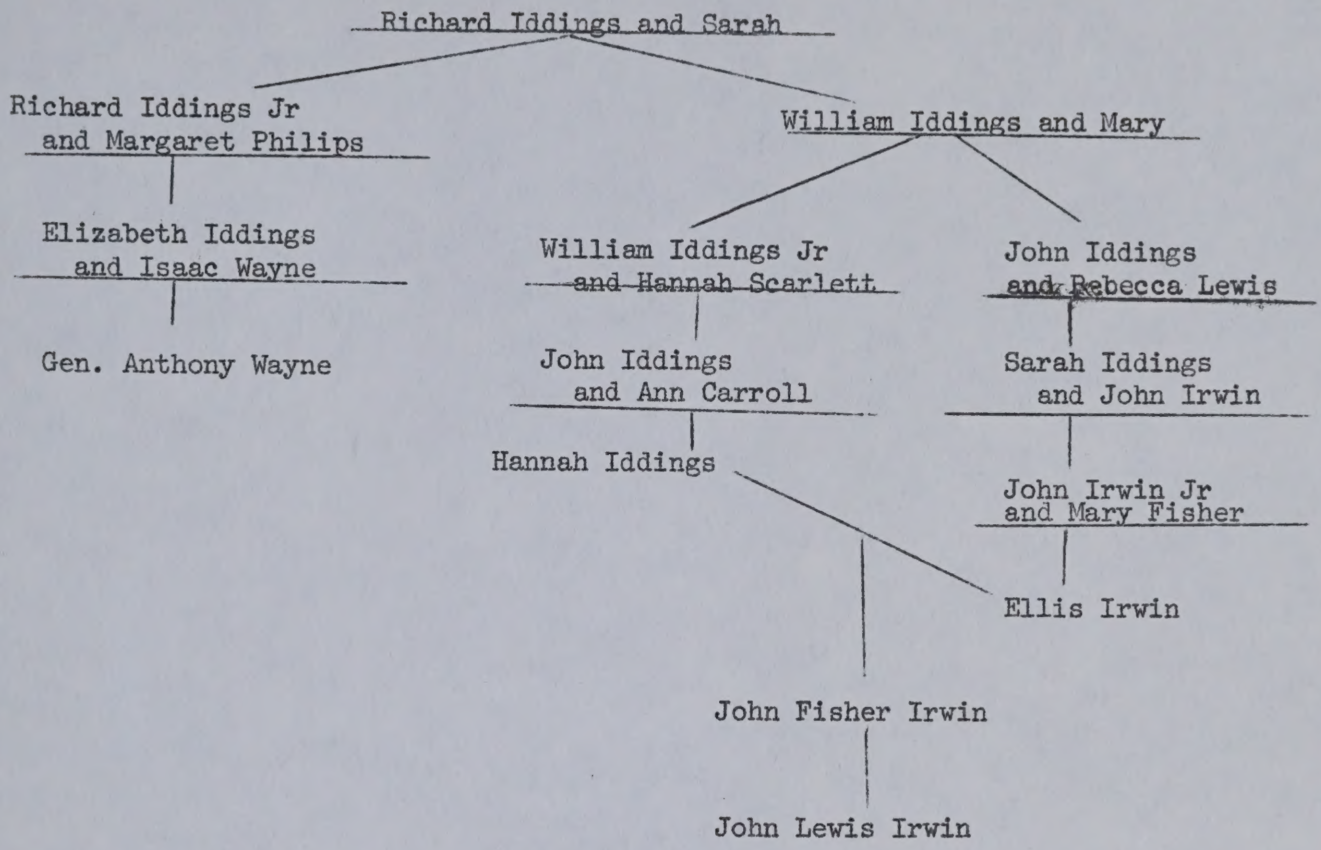
JOHN IDDINGS, first cousin of Sarah Iddings Irwin, (wife of John Irwin, Sr.) and second cousin of Gen. Anthony Wayne; and ANN CARROLL, were your great-grandparents, he was the only son of WILLIAM IDDINGS JR and HANNAH (SCARLETT) MUSGRAVE, your great-great-grandparents. This is the John Iddings mentioned in your grandfather, Ellis Irwin's, autobiography.

The children of JOHN IDDINGS and ANN CARROLL:

Esther
Joseph
James
William
Lewis (your uncle, Lewis Iddings Irwin was named for him)
HANNAH (your grandmother)
Melissa

HANNAH IDDINGS was born 8-29-1808, probably in Baldeagle Valley, Center Co., and died 2-17-1881 in Lick Run. On 1-10-1827 she was married to Ellis Irwin in Baldeagle by Friends Ceremony. She was his father's second cousin. Ellis Irwin and Hannah Iddings are, as you know, of course, your grandparents.

These relationships become clear in the lineage traced on page 8 .


Richard Iddings and Sarah
Richard Iddings Jr and Margaret Philips
William Iddings and Mary
Elizabeth Iddings and Isaac Wayne
William Iddings Jr and Hannah Scarlett
John Iddings and Rebecca Lewis
Gen. Anthony Wayne
John Iddings and Ann Carroll
Sarah Iddings and John Irwin
Hannah Iddings
John Irwin Jr and Mary Fisher
Ellis Irwin
John Fisher Irwin
John Lewis Irwin

I thought you would find these genealogical notes interesting and of value. In my next letter I hope to carry out what I have of the Fisher lineage, which is very interesting.

In your next trip through this section, we would be very happy to have you folks stop off and pay us a visit. George's death aged dad considerably, but he is nevertheless in good health. Give our best to Aunt Emma and Louise and Richard.

Your nephew,

John Robert Irwin

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Paoli, Pa.

January 31, 1942

Dear Uncle Lew:

As I indicated in my letter to you of about a week ago (which I presume you received, though you have not acknowledged it), I shall devote this letter to the FISHER lineage. However, since it is too comprehensive for a single letter, I shall content myself with giving such information as I possess of the ancestry of WILLIAM FISHER, your grandfather's grandfather. In my next letter, I will devote myself to the lineage of his wife, HANNAH PACKER, which is of equal interest, likewise going back to the earliest settlement of the Pennsylvania colony.

From the list of arrivals to the Colony I copy the following:

"The "Endeavr" of London, Geo. Thorp, Mr, arrived here the 29, 7 mo, 1683:

"Fran. Stanfield & Graas his wife, late of Garton in Cheshire, Husbandman, in ditto shipp: children, Jam: Mary, Sarah, Eliz: Gras & Hannah Stanfield: servants [indentured for their passage]-- Dan: Browne, Tho: Massey; Isa: Brookesby, Rob. SidBotham, John Smith, Robt Bryan, Wm. Redway, Tho: Sidbotham."

MARY, the second child of FRANCIS and GRACE STANFIELD, was married in April 1692 to WILLIAM HUNTLY, the date and place of whose birth I do not know. He died in 1708. Francis and Grace Stanfield lived in Marple Township, in what is now Delaware County, Pa.

"The will of William Huntly of Kenit [Kennett] Township [Chester Co.], husbandman, is dated 1-1-(March) 1707-8. His land was probably in what is now West Marlborough [Township, Chester Co.]. The will was proved April 10, 1708, in Philada."

WILLIAM HUNTLY and MARY STANFIELD had the following children:

Elizabeth (married Thomas Fisher -- see below).
Mary (married Peter Whitaker 12-17-1724-5 --old style).

I do not know whether they had any others or not.

THOMAS FISHER and ELIZABETH HUNTLY declared their intentions of marriage at Concord Monthly Meeting [Del. Co.] 1-9 and 2-13-1713, and were married prior to 3-6-1713.

Where and when Thomas Fisher was born I do not know.

"At a monthly meeting held at the Centure (Center), 11 mo. 1st, 1714:--

"Thomas Fisher produced a Certificate from Concord Monthly meeting which was read hear and axepted."

"On 3-1-1742 a certificate was requested for Thomas Fisher and family to Bradford Monthly Meeting, Chester Co. . This was signed 4-5-1742."

Thomas Fisher died in 1747 in what was then East Caln Twp. (previous to 1790 when Brandywine Twp. was separated from it), Chester Co. His will was proved 8-27-1747.

THOMAS FISHER and ELIZABETH HUNTLY had the following children:

Samuel (married to Ann Lamborn 12-22-1749-50 Newgarden Mthly Mtg.).
THOMAS JR, (Married to Elizabeth Lamborn 10-26-1752 Newgarden Mthly Mtg.)
Francis (Married to Rachel Wickersham 1-25-1753).
Mary
Elizabeth (Married to Joseph Wilkinson 10-31-1740 Kennett Mthly Mtg.).
William (born 3-8-1714; died 6-22-1748; married Deborah Roberts, dau, Robert & Hannah Roberts of Kennett, 8-24-1739 in Kennett Mthly Mtg.).
James (Married Alice Stanfield, dau. of Samuel Stanfield, 2-14-1736).

THOMAS FISHER JR was born 1727 and died 8-7-1791, probably in Brandywine Twp. Chester Co. Pa. On 10-26-1752 he marreid ELIZABETH LAMBORN in Londongrove Meeting, Chester Co. Pa.

Her grandfather, JOSIAH LAMBORN, was born in East Hampstead, Berkshire, England, in 1659, and died there 12-12-1749. Ann, his wife, died 8-11-1722. Children of Josiah Lamborn and Ann born there:

Thomas (born 1689)
Maria (born 1693)
ROBERT (born 1697, died 11-22-1775 in London Grove Twp. Chester Co., Pa. He marreid SARAH SWAYNE 8-5-1722 in East Marlborough Twp. Chester Co.).
John (born 1702).
William (born 1705).
Sarah

SWAYNE

"Among the earliest Quaker families that settled Chester County was that of FRANCIS SWAYNE (who by an old deed is styled practitioner of medicine). He was the son of William Swayne, of Ockingham, Liberty of Wilts, Berkshire, England, who died in 1693, leaving two sons and a daughter, -- FRANCIS, the emigrant, Judith, and William. To the latter he left by will his house and lands in Ockingham; to his daughter, house and ground called the Harpe-bien, Bienfield, and to his son FRANCIS, "All that hosue & land, and the Store in the common field of Bienfield, by the wayside going to Bienfield church," and making him whole executor of "All my goods, cattle, corn," etc.

"FRANCIS SWAYNE married ELIZABETH MILTON and had removed from Bienfield to East Hampstead Park some years previous to coming to America, and his son William records that "about the year 1704 my father and mother and myself were convinced and received the truth."

"William Swayne, eldest son of FRANCIS and ELIZABETH, was born the 30th of 1st mo., 1689, in the parish of Bienfield, and when about eighteen sailed from Bristol "on board a ship called the 'Saulsbury'," and in about five weeks landed at Philadelphia on the 15th of 9th mo., 1708, and in about a year and a half thereafter FRANCIS and ELIZABETH, with their remaining children, -- Francis, Edward, Elizabeth, Jane, and SARAH, -- landed at New Castle, on the Delaware, where they were met and welcomed by their son William, who had preceded them. They went to what is now East Marlborough township, Chester Co., and purchased and settled on one of the lots of land joining the south side of Marlborough Street, containing 425 acres, it being then an uncultivated wilderness. The deed of conveyance to Francis Swayne bears date 12th day of September, A.D. 1711. Francis and his son William were both prominent and active members of the Society of Friends.

"In the year 1713, Francis went on an extended religious visit to Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Starting from Philadelphia, holding meetings by the

way, to Flushing, Newport, Dartmouth, thence to Nantucket, Rochester, Falmouth, Barnstable, Sandwich, Yarmouth, Plymouth, Scituate, Boston, Salem, Lynn, Marblehead, Hampton, Amesbury, Newburyport, Portsmouth, etc. Several of these places were visited twice. During the journey, which occupied three months, from 7th mo. 24th to 10th mo. 21st, about seventy meetings were held. When we take into account the difficulties of traveling in those early days, we are led to conclude that the emigrant ancestor of the Swaynes was possessed of a fair share of the zeal which characterized the early Friends.

"There is a family tradition that Francis, while resting for lunch, in the harvest-time, under the shade of some particular tree, remarked that he would like to buried there; his wish was remembered, and when, in 1721, 9th mo. 30th, he died, he was interred on the spot selected by himself, the place was inclosed with a wall, and for upwards of eighty years was used as the family burying-ground.

"SARAH SWAYNE, daughter of FRANCIS and ELIZABETH [MILTON], born in England, came to America in 1710 with the family, married 8-5-1722, ROBERT LAMBORN,son of JOSIAH and ANN, of Berkshire, England. They settled about half a mile west of where London Grove meeting-house now stands.

"It is related of Robert that he and young Francis Swayne [Jr] were devotedly attached to each other in England, and that when the Swaynes came to America, Robert, not being able to content himself without his friend, determined to follow him. His father endeavored to dissuade him at first, but, seeing he was determined, paid his passage to America. He landed at Philadelphia, not knowing where the Swaynes lived, but while walking along the streets, unresolved yet what to do to find them, he espied old Francis Swayne; following him at a distance, he at last saw him enter a house, and, not daring to follow him in, remained at the door till the old man came out again, who, on seeing him, exclaimed, good-humoredly, "Why, Bob! what brought thee here?" Francis knowing that he would have to take care of him, brought him home behind him on horseback, and when within a short distance of his house he left Robert under a tree and proceeded home. He then directed his

son Francis to go to the place where he had left Robert, not telling him what for, but to go there. He went, and to his surprise there met his friend, whom he had supposed was yet in England. That their mutual surprise and joy was great we cannot doubt. They repaired to the house, and young Lamborn afterwards married his friend's sister."

-- History of Chester County --

LAMBORN

"LAMBORN, ROBERT, son of JOSIAH and ANN, of Berkshire, was one of the early and prominent settlers in London Grove township, where he died 11-22-1775.

"Children of ROBERT LAMBORN and SARAH SWAYNE:

1. Robert (born 6-3-1723, married 9-19-1746 to Ann Bourne, died 12th mo., 1801; or 12-8-1781.).
2. William, (Born 10-31-1725, died 1-16-1808; married Sarah Hayes; 6-20-1753).
3. Ann (born 8-8-1728, married Samuel Fisher; 12-22-1749-50 -bro. of Thos, F. Jr.).
4. ELIZABETH (born 11-30-1730, died 4-16-1790; married THOMAS FISHER; 10-26-1752).
5. Francis (born 1-8-1733; died 7-9-1818; m. Judith Harvey 11-14-1762).
6. John (born 12-15-1736; died 12-2-1800; married twice).
7. Thomas (born 3-9-1738; died 12-25-1812; married Dinah Carson).
8. Josiah (born 3-9-1738; died 1881; on 12-18-1766 he married Sarah Jackson;
9. Sarah (born 2-21-1741, married Griffith Mendenhall; 4-29-1762).

"Robert Lamborn, Jr., married Ann, daughter of Jesse and Alice Bowine or Bourne of Patuxent, Md., and had fourteen children. His son Robert 3rd was born 4-8-1751 and died 12-7-1817. The following bit of family history was written by him:

"20th of 3rd mo. 1814. -- That which hath often occupied my thought for some years past, this day opened to view with such clearness in manner & form yt I was induced to make the first attempt to select some occurrences from the stretch of memory & otherwise as I may be enabled in order to leave for the observance of posterity with a hope yt my intentions may be collected & understood

"A Genealogical sketch of our family which have been collected from tradi-

tion from record and from recollection, designed for the information & satisfaction of posterity who may be inclined to enquire who their progenitors were -- with some observations, remarks & occurrences of my life for more than half a century.

"First, my Grandfather's Name was Robert Lamborn & one of the sons of Josiah Lamborn of Berkshire in Old England who in or about the seventeenth year of his age obtained the consent of his father to come to America, his mother having been friendly to his embarcage with some friends who came from Europe about two years before; with whom he had contracted a friendly intercourse. And now having obtained his fathers approbation also. And he said he was accompanied to London by his parents & there they bid a final farewell to each other -- they strewing their tears up street in their return and he in a forlorn and broken manner plentifully strewed his tears as he passed down street to the ship in which he took his passage, and arrived in Philadelphia in America in the year 1713; and for some years he lived in and about Darby, Chester, & c with a respectable family.

"The man's name was Wm Horn whose patronage proved highly beneficial to him in the first adventures of life, both as a guardian & a father to a destitute youth, & a stranger in a strange land: and he having arrived more fully to maturity & being disposed to make some settlement in ye world, he with the advice of his old friend Wm Horn & others purchased a Lot of Land in the then wilderness, in the township of Londongrove & about one half mile west of that meeting house in the County of Chester. And at that time knew himself to be the farthest West white inhabitant in America, with one exception which was about four miles farther W. lived a man of the name of Ranthro on the land since known and occupied by Joseph Pennock & Levis his son, both men of my knowledge.

"And after having made some improvements in clearing the ground & cultivating the soil of the Wilderness & building a hut or cabin, antient conclusions

revived in his mind that it was not good for man to be alone. Therefore he paid his addresses to a Daughter of Francis Swayne the friend from Europe under whose charge his mother was want to have placed him to have come to America as noted before.

"It may be some information here to observe the situation & disposition of our Society in that day. As my Grandfather was born a member & Baptised as such agreeable to the usual customs & ceremonies of the established Episcopal Church of England & had not requested to become a member of the Society of friends, yet was admitted to & Indulged in the performance of his marriage with a member of our society in the then usual mode in practice amongst frd". All the certificate he had (as I was informed) was the vocal testimony of his old patron & frd. Wm. Horn who informed the meeting that he had been long acquainted with Robt Lamborn & knew him to be a sober young man, & therefore he was admitted to accomplish his marriage with Sarah the Daughter of Francis Swayne on the fifth day of the Eighth month (at this time the 10th mo. as March was then ye first mo.) in the year 1722. And having no farther right as a member of our society until after the birth of my father, which was the eldest, and one other son was born, which must have been some years & through the whole course of this time bared of none of the privilidges of the Society. But here it became observed by some frd that there was no record of his admission & it was thought most advisable for him to make a formal request for himself & his two minor children. This advice being comply'd with he & they then became acknowledged members of our Society as from the records of Newgarden Monthly Meeting may more fully appear.

"Here was his settlement early in life, early in the Cultivation of the wilds of America, and as it were on the margin of civilised society, the Indian natives being his nearest neighbours & his most frequent visitants, of whom my Grd father spoke high in favor of their veracity, hospitality and social

intercourse; all in the greatest harmony and confidence. Their customs were then as have been their practice since in their native state to depend on the chase in the forest or wilderness for their sustenance & supply of provisions & clothing; what a toilsome mode of obtaining what to them was everything. And in these their excursions frequently wet cold & weary & ofttimes after night & perhaps almost all hours of the night would use the freedom to open the door, rouse up the fire, cook roast or broil of their venison, regale themselves & then stretch down on ye floor, feet to the fire & in this situation they were frequently found by the old Patriarch, my frandfather, in the morning, & sometimes to the number of 6...8...or 10.

"What native socialty--no fears on either side--all friendship and a benevolent disposition cherished in the fullest confidence to comfort and oblige one another. Now rouse up stretch their stiffened & weary limbs then relate in turn of their good or bad fortune of the preceeding day. All were sharers with the fortunate if one only was lucky all shared alike in the remainder of ye game as they frequently took a part with them for present needs & left the rest suspended on the top of a saplin bent.

"Oft times Lobata horse must go for the venison (this was their mode of pronouncing Robert) but Lobat was sure to obtain his share with them freely given; And sometimes 'you, Lobet, Go bring Indian venison, Indian tired go bring in -- up such a run or such a Creek yonder hill or valley you find 'im.'"

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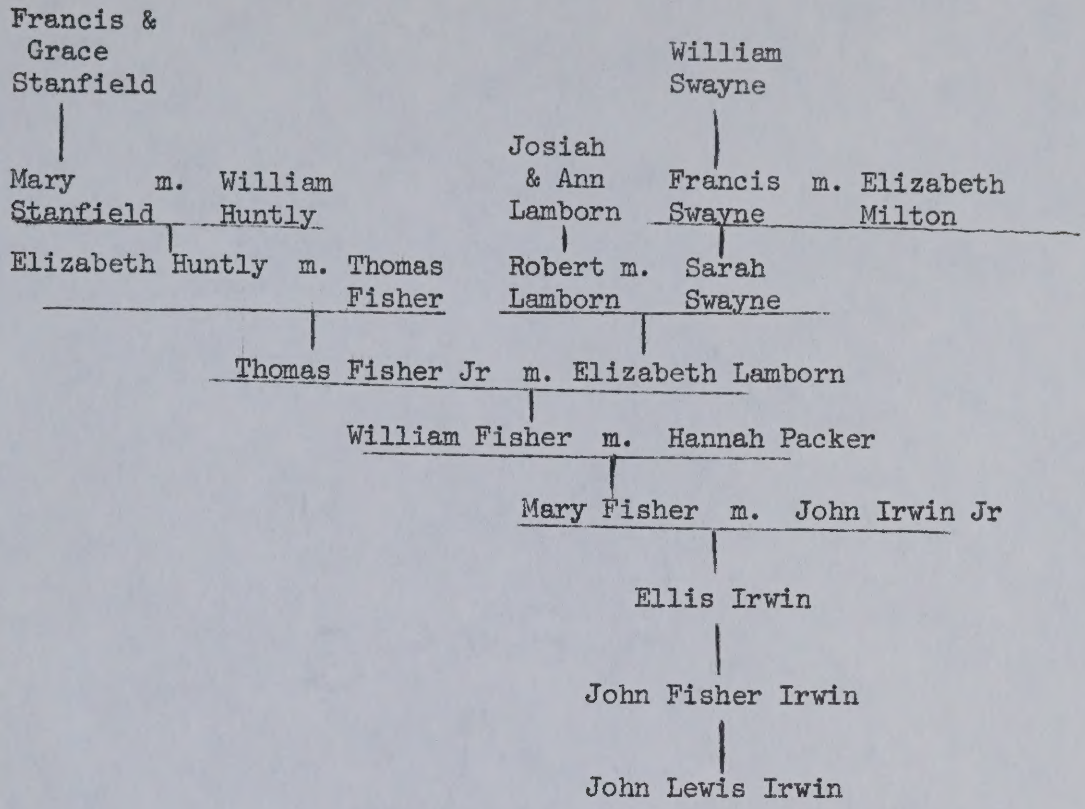
Children of THOMAS FISHER JR and ELIZABETH LAMBORN:

William (born 1-22-1754 in E. Cain Twp. Chester Co., Pa.; died 7-8-1845 in Baldeagle Valley, Center Co. Pa.; Married 5-25-1780 to HANNAH PACKER in Uwchlan Meeting, Chester County, Pa.).
Mary (born 5-18-1758; died 2-9-1760).
Robert (born 12-21-1759; died 10-27-1761).
George (born 1-5-1762).
Thomas (born 2-27-1764; died 5-19-1765

Thomas (born 11-1-1765; married Elizabeth Thompson 1789).
John (born 10-3-1767. He enlisted in Revolutionary War "and was never heard from.").
Elizabeth (born 2-4-1770; died 12-25-1824; married 8-25-1792 to James (or Thomas) Green.
Sarah (born 2-16-1772; died 12-21-1863. She was married 4-17-1795 to her first cousin, John Mendenhall, son of Griffith Mendenhall and Sarah Lamborn (dau. of Robert Lamborn).

As I have already said, the lineage of Hannah Packer, wife of the above William Fisher, is equally interesting, but is so extensive that I shall have to keep it for my next letter. William Fisher and Hannah Packer were the grandparents of your grandfather, Ellis Irwin. He mentions them in his autobiography. Mary Fisher, his mother, was their daughter.

The diagram on the next page will clarify these lines.


Francis & Grace Stanfield
William Swayne
Josiah & Ann Lamborn
Mary Stanfield m. William Huntly
Francis Swayne m. Elizabeth Milton
Elizabeth Huntly m. Thomas Fisher
Robert Lamborn m. Sarah Swayne
Thomas Fisher Jr m. Elizabeth Lamborn
William Fisher m. Hannah Packer
Mary Fisher m. John Irwin Jr
Ellis Irwin
John Fisher Irwin
John Lewis Irwin

"Lamborn's Genealogy" gives most of the descendants of Robert Lamborn to your generation. The dates therein are not always as accurate as one could wish, and I have found other errors in it.

I would appreciate an acknowledgment of the receipt of these letters, so I will know you have received them. I would hate to have them fail to reach you as I have put a lot of work into them.

Give my best regards to Aunt Emma and Louise and Richard.

I have made several trips to London Grove, some miles from here, and have seen the meeting house where Robert Lamborn attended and where he was married, and have seen the site of his log cabin and the later stone house, which a resident told me had been allowed to crumble to ruins, and, he said, "The stones were used for other purposes." The Swaynes still live near there. It is said that that section is the strongest Quaker community in America. I searched the Londongrove Meeting graveyard for Robert Lamborn's grave, but learned that the Friends did not mark their graves in those days. But since I missed no part, I have no doubt I have stood within feet of his bones.

Your nephew, John Robert Irwin

Tuesday, Feb. 3, 1942

Dear Robert:

Your second letter came this morning, which reminded me that I have been somewhat lax in not acknowledging your previous one. However, I have been extremely busy the past week on various matters pertaining or relating to winning the war, so I know you will forgive me. Since I have been without regular work I have been sticking my neck out perhaps too far, and it is very easy to get loaded up with organization work if you show any interest. I get quite a kick out of it though, and am glad that I have the health and strength to do it.

It certainly is most kind and thoughtful of you to take the time to write up the family history for me, and I cannot tell you how much I appreciate it. Emma and I are both very much intersted in the genealogy of our families, but our resources have been very limited. Mary Irwin lent me a book some time ago, in which is written up some of the family history of the Irwins, but does not go back very far. I am sure you have every thing that it contains or I would copy it off for you. It has some obituary notices of two of the children of Dr. James Irwin, Hannah Gertrude Stephenson, wife of Dr. W. C. Stephenson, born in Chester County Sept. 11, 1846. Year of death not given. Also Frank Green Irwin, son of James, killed by Indians on the 31st of March 1870. A graphic description of his death is given, and if you are interested or do not have it I will be glad to copy it for you. Have you found any one in addition to John Fisher who was in any way connected with the Revolutionary war? No doubt they were mostly of a peaceful nature on account of their Quaker religion. In the sketchy history that I got from Media Research Bureau Lt. Col. Henry Irwin of North Carolina, Col. John Irwin of N.C., Capt. John, Joseph and Matthew Irwin of Penna., and John Lawson Irwin of Georgia are mentioned, but their lineage is not given. I joined the Sons of The Revolution several years

ago using the name of John Wunderleigh on my mother's side as an ancestor. If I could find another ancestor on -y father's side it would add strength, perhaps a halo or some other empty honor. I did not know that the Swaynes were among our relations. I once knew a Noah Swayne of Philadelphia, who was in the coal business. He had one arm, and was quite prominent in Philadelphia. He died several years ago.

I really hesitate to add any work to what you have done for me, but sometime I would like to have a sketch of the children and descendants of John Irwin Jr. and Mary Fisher, which you offered to send.

You certainly deserve a vote of thanks from the whole family for the time and work you have given to this project. If it does not seem to be appreciated now I feel sure that it will sometime.

I suppose our trips will not be very numerous now on account of the car situation, but we certainly would like to visit with you sometime, and hope that you and your family will stop off with us when it is possible for you to do so.

Thank you again, Robert, and with regards from both of us to all of you.

Sincerely,

Lew

February 6, 1942

Dear Uncle Lew:

I received your letter the other day and was glad to hear from you. So far as I have been able to discover up till now, there doesn't seem to have been any of the Irwin-Iddings-Fisher etc. sides of our family in the American Revolution excepting non-ancestor kinsmen: John Fisher, brother of an ancestor, and Gen. Anthony Wayne, second cousin of two of our ancestors. Would the fact that Gen. Anthony Wayne was a kinsman mean anything to the Sons of the American Revolution? I shall be glad to give you such as I have on the children of John Irwin Jr. and Mary Fisher and their descendants in a later letter or letters. In this letter, however, I shall confine myself to the lineage of Mary Fisher's mother, Hannah Packer.

To summarize briefly the pages that follow (most of which I copied months ago from various county and Chester City histories): Hannah Packer, wife of William Fisher (your grandfather's grandparents), was the daughter of James Packer, son of Philip and Ann Packer; and Rose Mendenhall, daughter of Aaron Mendenhall and Rose Pierson. Aaron Mendenhall was son of John Mendenhall and Elizabeth Maris, daughter of George and Alice Maris. Rose Pierson was daughter of Thomas Pierson and Rose Dixson, probably daughter of Henry Dixson.

MARIS

"GEORGE and ALICE MARIS, of Worcestershire, England, had the following children:

Alice (born 8-17-1660).
George (born 10-2-1662).
Elizabeth (born 2-3-1665).
Anna (born 6-18-1667).
John (born 3-21-1669).

"In the account of persecutions of Quakers in Worcestershire, 1670, we find the following:

"At Grafton-Flyford some soldiers of the Band called the Clergy-Band came to a meeting at the House of George Maris, and informed against several persons there, against whom a Warrant was issued by John Packington, of Westwood, and Samuel Sands, of Ambersley, Justices, by which were taken the several Quantities of Goods following, viz:

"From Francis Fincher, all his Goods for a fine of £20. From George Maris, Goods worth £20. And from William Sale and John Tombs, to the value of £1 14s.

"The said George Maris's Fine was for the Meeting being at his House. He was afterward taken by an Assize Process, and sent to Prison on the 23rd of the Month called July, 1670, and continued there above eight Months, but never knew for what Cause he was so long imprisoned."

"George Maris brought a certificate dated 3rd mo. 6, 1683, from a meeting "att Hadswell In yeꝑish of Inkborough and county of Worcester," which he presented to Darby Monthly Meeting, and which says that his

"Life and Conversation . . . hath adorned the Gospell of Christ, And hath bene a Good Exampel In his place, And a man, ye bent of whose heart hath beene to serve ye Lord, and all people In Love; And hath not spared to spend and to be spent for ye service of Truth: And this wee can say, wee doe not know of Any person, either ffriend or others That hath aught against him, his wife or children, upon any Just Account whatsoever."

"Robert Toomer, of the city of Worcester, having purchased 1000 acres of land from William Penn, conveyed it by deed of May 14, 1683, to George Maris, of Grafton Flyford, shoemaker, the land being unlocated. Soon after his arrival he took up 400 acres in Springfield [Township, Chester County, Pa., (now Delaware Co.)], which he called "Home House,", and settled thereon. This was surveyed Oct. 16, 1683, adjoining Darby Township. And in the following year he took up 580 acres in Edgmont [Township], as part of the 1000 acres. In 1684 he was commissioned a justice of the peace and of the courts; was a member of the Provincial Council, 1695; member of Assembly for several years, and an active and influential member

of Springfield Meeting.

"His wife, Alice, died 1-11-1699, and he 11-15-1705, aged about seventy-three. Of their children, Alice married Jacob Simbobk, of Ridley, 11-15-1684; George married Jane, daughter of Henry Maddock, 1690; ELIZABETH married JOHN MENDENHALL, of Concord, July 1685; Ann Married John Worrilow, of Edgmont, 8-14-1690; John married Susanna Lewis, of Haverford, 9-21-1693; and Richard married Elizabeth Hayes, daughter of Jonathan and Ann, of Marple. The descendants of these are very numerous."

-- History of Chester County --

In Martin's History of Chester appear the following references to GEORGE MARIS:

(1) "The first Orphans' Court under that distinctive title, was held in the year 1687. I copy the proceedings,

"At an ORPHANS'COURT held at Chester, the 3d day of the first week of the 8th mo., 1687.

"JUSTICES, -- John Bristow, President; John Symcocke, John Blunstone, GEORGE MARIS, Bartholomew Coppocke and Edward Beasar. Sheriff, Joshua Firne. Clerk, Robert Eyre." Etc. p. 78.

(2) "Upon the 9th day of the 12th month, 1687, By virtue of an Order from the last County Court given us whose names are hereunto subscribed, being the Grand Jury for to lay out a highway that should serve for Marple, Newtown, Springfield and the inhabitants that way to the landing place at AMOS-LAND, did upon the above day written, Begin at a roadway on the land of GEORGE MARIS, which Road goeth from Chester through Marple to Newtown, Soe from the Road through Bartholomew Coppick's land near his house, his house being on the left hand, Soe through Robert Taylor's land, straight on through more of GEORGE MARIS, his land, soe bearing a little on the right hand through George Simcock's land, so on through Jacob Simcock's land, leaving his plantation on the left hand, soe on straight forward to

the land, adjoining to Amosland, so into the King's Road, that comes from Darby, marking the trees as we came, so on to the landing place by the maine creek's side beyonnd [meaning to east of] Morton Mortonsen, his house.: p. 153.

(3) ". . . GEORGE MARIS, who emigrated from the parish of Inkborough, in the county of Worcester, in England, in the year 1683." p. 162.

(4) "Members of the Supreme Executive Council from Chester County.

David Lloyd,	1695	
Caleb Pusey,	1695	
GEORGE MARRIS,	1695	p. 181

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ELIZABETH MARIS: Daughter of GEORGE and ALICE MARIS. (Born 2-3-1665 in Worcestershire, England. Accompanied her parents to Chester County, Pa. in 1683. Married 1685 to JOHN MENDENHALL of Concord Township, Chester County, Pa. (now Del. Co., Pa.).

"Justices of the Courts, Chester, Pa.

"These Justices were not only Justices of the Courts, but of the Peace also; and they were gentlemen of larger intelligence, and of more weight and influence in the community, and of more dignity of character, than the majority of men who are now elected Justices of the Peace in the country, and Aldermen in our cities. In fact, they were like the "Squires" of England, where to be included in the Commission of the Peace, is an endorsement to a gentleman that he is considered one of the leading men in the county. The names of the Justices are as follows:

. 1684

Christopher Taylor
William Wood
Nicholas Newlin
GEORGE MARIS
Thomas Usher
Robert Pyle
John Blunston
John Harding" -- Martins History of Chester, pp. 462, 463

MENDENHALL

"MENDENHALL, JOHN and Benjamin, were early settlers in Concord [Township, now Del. Co. Pa.], and another brother, Moses, resided there a short time, but returned to England. They also had sisters, -- Mary, who came over unmarried, and became the wife of Nathaniel Newlin, April 17, 1685, and Margery, who married Thomas Martin, and came with him from England in 1685. They were from MILDENHALL, in Wiltshire, which was formerly the family name.

"JOHN married, in [July] 1685, ELIZABETH, daughter of GEORGE MARIS, by whom he had three children:

George (born 6-14-1686; died 1758, unmarried).
John [Jr] (born 4-3-1688; married Susanna Pierson, 1709).
AARON (born 9-20-1690; died 4-30-1765; married 4-16-1715, to ROSE PIERSON, sister of Susanna, and daughter of THOMAS PIERSON.

"John Jr. and AARON settled in East Caln [Township, Chester Co.], whence John Jr. went to Lancaster County and finally to Virginia."

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"Cyrus Mendenhall, residing at present [1877] in Cincinnati, Ohio, says:

"Benjamin MENDENHALL and his brother, JOHN, emigrated from Wiltshire, England, and settled in Concord [Township, Del. Co., Pa.] in 1683. The brothers were then grown up men. Benjamin married 2 mo. 17, 1689, Ann, the daughter of Robert and Hannah Pennell, of Middletown [Township, Del. Co., Pa.] ; . . .

"There were three brothers Mendenhall, who came from England to this country. JOHN is first mentioned as being in Concord Township in 1683, Benjamin and Moses were there in 1685, Moses returned to England, where his descendants now reside. . .

"JOHN MENDENHALL, Dr. Smith says, was one of the earliest settlers in Concord [Township]; married in 1685, ELIZABETH, the daughter of GEORGE MARIS, and was an influential and active member of the society of Friends, and in 1697, gave the ground now occupied by the Concord Friends' Meeting House and grave yard to the Society for that purpose. In 1708, having been a widower for some time, he married secondly, Hester Dix. His children's names by his first wife were George,

John and AARON. It is not known whether he had any by his second wife. He was one of the original shareholders of the Concord mill."

"Gilbert Cope, a well-informed genealogist, says: "The Mendenhalls -- John, Benjamin and Moses -- did come from Wiltshire, as writings of that date will show; but the last did not remain long. Having returned to England, he may have entertained the idea of coming again to this country, but, in the language of that time, 'he sedd his mother would not let him goe back.' This was a veritable case of 'three brothers,' although but two remained in this country. Few persons, besides genealogists, are aware of the prevalence of this tradition of 'three brothers,' in nearly every family; while in a vast majority of cases it merely demotes absence of knowledge, or may be compared to an algebraic symbol, which represents an unknown quality."

-- History of Chester, Martin; pp. 248, 249.

The abovementioned Concord mill ceased operation this summer, 1941, after having been in continuous operation since the last sixteen hundreds.

"The UNICORNE from Bristoll, arrived here this 16th of the 10th month, 1685, Thomas Cooper, commander. The Passengers' names are as followeth:

. . . . Moses Mendenhall - . . Tho. Martin . . . "

"The last five names [among which is that of "Tho. Martin"], in the original, are in a different handwriting from all the rest of the paper and names.

"Of the arrivals in the Unicorne, Thomas Martin was from Bedwin Magna, in Wiltshire, and his wife Margery, was a sister to JOHN, Benj. and Moses MENDENHALL."

-- Martin's History of Chester, P. 70.

In Martin's History of Chester appear the following references to JOHN MENDENHALL:

(1) "The Humble Petition of William Claiton, James Brown, Walter Marten, and the rest of the Inhabitants of Chichester & others to William Penn, Esq. and the Council thereof Absolute Proprietor and Governor of Pennsylvania and territorys thereto belonging, Humbly Showeth that your said petitioners desire your Honors

that you would grant two fairs to the town of Chichester to be kept yearly." etc.

To this petition are appended 112 signatures among which appears that of JOHN MENDENHALL. This petition is endorsed and dated the 14th of 12 mo., 1700. The original can be seen among the Logan Papers, in vol. iv., marked "Roads," in the Historical Society of Pa. p. 93.

(2) "Coroners of Chester County.

JOHN MENDENHALL 1726 to 1728." p. 447.

PIERSON

"THOMAS PIERSON . . . says himself that he arrived in Upland Chester, Pa. , Sept. 28, 1683, as will more fully appear by the following paper and remarks thereon, in the handwriting of Thomas Pierson, himself. The paper is endorsed "Certificate, Joseph Kippen in Bristol," and is as follows:

"Bristoll, the 24th of 8 1675.

To all people to whom these presents shall come this I signifie & certyfie that The Bearer hereof: Tho: Pierson: hath served me the full terme of seven years accoridng to his Indenture Recorded in the * * * of this * * * in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand the day and year above written. Joseph Kippin."

"The remarks of Pierson are in the following words:

"On ye 12th day of ye 8th month in ye yeare 1675, I had served my Apprenticeship. On ye 2d day of ye 12th month in ye yeare Aforesd I went from Bristoll for London. On ye 14th day of ye 7th month in ye yeare 1676 I sailed from the Downes intending for Maryland in company with Wm. Dixson. On ye 9th day of the 9th month in ye yeare 1676 I arrived in Great Wicka Comma Coe River in Maryland in ye Ship Called the 'Joseph & Benjamin," Matthew Pain Commander of ye same. T.P. On ye 14th day of ye 12th month in ye yeare 1681-2, I sailed from without ye Capes of Cheseopeak bay in Maryland for England in the Ship Called the 'Comfort' of Bristoll, Thomas Whitop master. On or about ye 20th day of March 1682, I arrived in Kingroad

in ye 'Comfort', John Reed master, and arrived at Vpland in Pennsilvania ye 28th of September 1683."

"It will be noticed that Pierson calls Chester Vpland in 1683. He was no insignificant person, or I could not so easily identify his handwriting, which is very neat and distinct. Soon after his arrival here he was appointed by Thomas Holme, the Surveyor General of the Province, a Deputy Surveyor, and his Warrant is in possession of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, together with the paper copied above.

"THOMAS PIERSON, Surveyor of New Castle County [Del.] , and Isaac Taylor, Surveyor of Chester County, were the persons appointed by William Penn, in the year 1701, to run the circular line of twelve miles around New Castle, herein before fully referred to. [This was to establish the northern boundary of the three lower counties (Del.) from the three upper counties (Pa.). This later became the controversial boundary between Delaware and Pennsylvania.]

"The instructions to Thomas Pierson, Deputy Surveyor for the county of New Castle, are very full and interesting, and never having yet appeared in print they are here given as follows:

"First. Thou art to repair to ye said county and there take the charge & care upon thee, as being chosen by the President & Council for ye employ, to serve under me as my Deputy & to Survey & set out Lands by warrants from yet Proprietary & Govern'r & formerly Directed to William Welch, & not yet executed, as also all war'ts formerly or hereafter directed to thee from myself by virtue of War'ts from ye Com'rs for granting War'ts to persons in that County for Lands there, the same to be laid out if possible & convenient in the way of Townshipps, consisting of Five thousand acres if there be convenient room for ye same, allowing a street of fifty foot in the middle of every Townshipp, as also a Street of forty foot between Townshipp & Townshipp, as a regular access from one Townshipp to another.

"2dly. In all thy field works take care to set down in the Margent all immovable matters, as Rivers, Rivelletts, Lakes, Meadows, Swamps, Rocks, Mountains, Mines, Quarrys, sorts of earth, more than ordianry sorts of Wood, leaving not out any quantity of Land for Waste or unprofitable, without Special order from ye Proprietary & Govern'r.

"3dly. In all thy Protractions of ye quantities of Lands, lay down the Draughts or figures thereof on a Scale of fourty perch in an inch & not to give out unto anyꝑson whatsoever the figure or draught of any Land by thee surveyed without special order from me, upon penalty of paying me double the value of the Survey money for ye Same.

"4thly. Thou art to demand and require of all ꝑsons concerned, for ye Survey of Lands sufficient conveyance to & from ye said Surveyed Lands with hands necessary (yt may be unconcerned, or otherwise attested if possible) for carrying ye Chain, marking ye Trees & bounds & necessary provisions the while, as being so ordered by the Govern'r over and above the Stablishment, allowed by the Govern'r for ye Survey of Lands in yt County, and as oft as is necessary send me an account of thy Proceedings and Passages yt I may give account thereof to the Govern'r.

"Lastly. I hereby empower thee to demand & receive the Survey money allowed by ye Governr for all Lands by thee Surveyed, the one moyety whereof thou art to take & receive for thy own use, as compensation for ye art & Labor of Survey, the other moyety to secure & detaine in thy hands till further orders from the President & Council or myself & and to observe and follow such other & further orders, as may hereafter be sent thee from the Govern'r or myself. Given under my hand & Seal at Philadelphia, the 24th of the 7th mo. 1684.

THO: HOLME, Surv'r Gen'rl, LS.

"And further if any persons have war't for Lands in their own hands, & not yet given into the former office then in such cases thou art to take the sd war'ts without further orders from me and to execute them & carefully transmitt them to me.

THO: HOLME, Surv'r Gen'rl.

"further the first work thou art to do, when thou comes to New Castle, thou art carefully to admeasure & survey from ye hither bounds of Newcastle Town, as near the River as conveniently may be until thou come to the lower part of the further side of Concord Townshipp, & to hire men to assist thee & carry the Chaine, at as reasonable rates as thou canst & when done to finde thereby the true distance from ye bounds of Newcastle Town to ye lower end of ye said Townshipp of Concord, yt so I may know how many miles that distance is & where ye Twelve miles in a straight line from Newcastle terminates, that I may be able to give an account to ye President & Provincial Council thereof, and when thou hast found the said distance, thou art at ye sd Twelve miles end in a straight line set some Posts, or some other visible mark; yt may be found out, and from thence run a line of the same Twelve miles distance down to ye River Delaware, & there make the line visible mark, yt so I may know where the twelve miles from Newcastle, in a straight line ends upon ye sd River & when thou art satisfied of the truth of thy work & where the twelve miles ends upon ye River, then run from ye River side backwards in the woods, as farre as will paralell the upper line of Concord & run yt distance to ye sd upper line of Concord & either come or send me a true account hereof. And call to Henry Hollingsworth for what war'ts & returns he hath in his hands, or any other thing relating to survey.

THO: HOLME, Surv'r Gen'rl."

"The Deputy Surveyor, Thomas Pierson, probably never lived at Chester. He belonged to Newark Monthly Meeting, and married Rachel Sharpley at that meeting in 1686; who died 7 mo. 2, 1687, and was buried at Newark. Thomas produced his certificate from Newark Monthly Meeting to Concord Monthly Meeting, 7 mo. 12, 1709. Gilbert Cope, the Historian, says:

"Thomas Pierson, the Surveyor of New Castle County, was not the person mentioned by Dr. Smith as a settler in Marple, and the grandfather of Benjamin West. The former appears to have resided in New Castle County for many years, yet he frequently made surveys in Chester County, and there is evidence that he was

considered a careful surveyor.

"In 1686 he married Rachel Sharpley, but she died the next year and was buried at Newark Meeting, which was on the east side of Brandywine. Early in 1690, he married a second wife, ROSE DIXSON, probably the daughter of HENRY DIXSON, of New Castle. About the year 1709,he became a member of Concord Meeting, and in that year his daughter Susanna was married to John Mendenhall [Jr.], who settled in Cain Township. It may be here stated taht Susanna was also the name of his mother, whose death occurred during his first visit to America. In 1715, his daughter ROSE, married AARON MENDENHALL, a brother of John [Jr.] , and they also settled in Cain Township. In the genealogy of the Mendenhall family, published at Cincinnati, in 1864, this Thomas Pierson is confounded with the grandfather of Benjamin West, but beyond these two daughters I have met with no account of any children, and he doubtless made his home with one of them toward the close of his life. I believe the minutes of Concord Monthly Meeting from 1709 to 1716, are in his handwriting. In the latter year he was appointed an 'overseer' of Caln Meeting, in which station he continued until his death, which occurred Sept. (7 mo.) 29, 1722.

"THOMAS PIERSON, the Surveyor, always, I believe, spelled his name as here given. I have seen many of his surveys, and have felt almost an affectionate interest in his history."

-- Martin's History of Chester, pp. 499-502.

AARON MENDENHALL and ROSE PIERSON had the following children:

George (married at Caln Meeting, Chester Co. Pa. 9-2-1737, to Sarah Pim, daughter of William Pim.)

James (married 11-31-1739 in Caln Meeting to Martha Griffith, daughter of John Griffith of Parish of Nantmeal, Radnorshire, Wales. A certificate for the marriage of James was issued to Goshen Meeting, Chester Co., to Hannah Thomas dated 6-18-1743. She may have been his 2nd wife. He was a miller of Jamestown, N.C. He removed to N.C. in 1759 with his brother John, afterwards to Ga. with his son Marmaduke. Died in Ga.)

John (a certificate dated 6-18-1743 was issued to North Wales, (Montgomery Co. Pa.) for his marriage to Elizabeth Coates. He lived in East Caln Twp. Chester Co. Pa. until 1755, when he removed to Guilford Co., N.C. with his family. He died about 1800.)

Aaron Jr. (married 11-11-1758 in Bradford Mthly. Meeting, Chester Co. Pa. to Mary Woodward, daughter of William and Eliza Woodward of West Bradford.)

Elijah

ROSE (born 8-4-1733; married 1-1-1752 in Caln Meeting, Chester Co. Pa. to JAMES PACKER.)

Lydia or Mary or Martha (who married Joshua Mendenhall, son of Benjamin Jr., son of Benjamin Mendenhall.)

Elizabeth (married 3-11-1743 in Caln Mtg to Samuel Coates. Her second husband's name was Kirk.)

There is a picture of AARAON MENDENHALL'S mansion in the History of Chester Co. It is quite an elaborate estate with numerous buildings (something like Mt. Vernon), so that one imagines that he was a man of some means in his times.

JAMES PACKER "of Pikeland Meeting", Uwchlan Monthly Meeting, Chester Co., Pa., son of Philip and Ann Packer, of Princeton, N.J., was born 2-4-1726. A certificate dated 11-30-1749-50 was issued by New Providence Meeting to Gwynedd Meeting (Near Lansdale, Pa.) Montgomery Co., Pa., and from Gwynedd 2-15-1753 to Goshen Meeting (near West Chester, Pa.) 7-25-1754. He must later have been transferred to Pikeland Meeting, Chester Co. Pa. (Pikeland or Uwchlan Twp.) for he is spoken of as "of Pikeland Meeting." His parents, Philip and Ann Packer, are also spoken of as "of Pikeland Meeting" so they must have also come to Chester Co. Pa. from Princeton, N.J. This is all I know about them.

JAMES PACKER married ROSE MENDENHALL, daughter of Aaron Mendenhall and Rose Pierson, 1-1-1752 in Caln Meeting, Chester Co. Pa. (near Dowingtown). A certificate was issued 8-18-1771 for Rose and children to Uwchlan Monthly Meeting, so her husband, James Packer, may then have been deceased. I do not have the date of his death.

JAMES PACKER and ROSE MENDENHALL had the following children:

Rose (born 12-6-1752; died 10-23-1754)
Job (born 3-27-1754; died 1834; married 5-28-1778 to Hannah Lamborn born 4-21-1754 -- daughter of William, son of Robert Lamborn.

HANNAH (born 12-19-1755; died 2-26-1814; married 5-25-1780 in Uwchlan Monthly Meeting, Chester Co. to WILLIAM FISHER, son of Thomas Fisher Jr and Elizabeth Lamborn.)
Eli (born 9-9-1757; married 11-18-1778 to Elizabeth Vickers, daughter of Peter and Ann Vickers of Plumstead, Bucks Co., Pa.)
Amos (born 1-30-1759; married Elizabeth Jones.)
Moses (born 4-26-1761; died 8-11-1763.)
Lydia (born 1-19-1763).
Aaron (born 11-5-1764.)

WILLIAM FISHER and HANNAH PACKER had the following children:

James (born 2-26-1781; died 5-11-1785.)
MARY (born 9-12-1782; died 12-7-1874 (or 3-7-1874) aged 92 yrs.; married 11-17-1802 in Muncy Meeting, Lycoming Co., Pa. to JOHN IRWIN JR.)
Lydia (born 11-23(8)-1783; died 3-15-1864; married 1802 to John Kirk, son of Thomas and Sarah Kirk.)
Hannah (born 10-26-1786; died 8-19-1824; married 3-20-1804 to Samuel Johnson (b. 2-17-1781; d. 8-24-1863). They had a son James Johnson who married Sarah Stewart or Stugarts, who had a son John S. Johnson who married Laura E. McCracken, who had a daughter Sarah Johnson who married Daniel Newton Dunbar, who had a daughter Mary Elizabeth Dunbar who married George Middleton Irwin, my brother. George never knew that his wife was his fourth cousin.)
Elizabeth (born 12-11-1787; died 12-17-1838; married 4-19-1806 to David Wall, son of Absolom Wall.)
William Jr (born 7-20-1789; died 2-14-1855; married 10-10-1811 to Rachel Meredith.)
Beulah (born 2-4-1791; died 6-3-1848; married 1st. John Iddings; 2nd, Andrew Thompson. Melissa Iddings, dau. of Beulah Fisher and John Iddings, born 9-13-1832, married John Bing. (I have their children if you want it.)
Sarah (born 10-16-1792; died 1-10-1871; married James Hammond.)
Thomas (born 2-3-1799; died about 1863).

In the minutes of Bradford (Chester Co. Pa.) Monthly Meeting appear the following:

"5-16-1800 William Fisher and family propose moving up the Susquehanna."

"9-12-1800 Certificate signed for William Fisher, wife Hannah and 8 children, Mary, Lydia, Hannah, Elizabeth, William, Beulah, Sarah, and Thomas to Muncy."

Muncy Meeting was the nearest Friends Meeting to Baldeagle Valley at that time.

I have a letter which William Fisher wrote his grandson Ellis Irwin, your grandfather. It reads as follows:

Baldeagle 5th mo. 1843

"Ellis Irwin

The bearer Benjamen S Jones appointed by the Penna Antislavory Society to endeavour to give the Inhabitents of our land more light on the subject of slavory then most People are aware of, and the Situation of our free States and every Individual in regard to the most horable wickednefs ever existed under the sun. Receive him as a Christian Mefsenger and use all thy Influance to obtain a house and give general Invitation to attend male and female -- I believe thee will never have cause to repent being faithful to accomadate our Stranger, he claims no emmolument --

Let us take the example of the Ninevites and be willing to hear from thy Aged Grandfather William Fifher

I have used an "f" to represent the old-fashioned "s". His handwriting is extraordinarily clear and distinct and precise. He was 91 when he died in 1845. His daughter, Mary Fisher Irwin, was 92 when she died in 1874; and her son Ellis Irwin (your grandfather) was 97 when he died in 1902.

In my next letter I will give you such information as I possess about the children of John Irwin Jr. and Mary Fisher.

In one of my visits to your home, you read me some bits from an account of the departure of John Irwin Sr. from his home in Irwland. I would be very grateful if you could give me a copy of that account; also of the description of the death of Frank Green Irwin, killed by Indians in 1870 in Wyoming. However, I do not want to interfere with the Defense work you are doing, so whenever you have a chance --.

Give my best to the folks. Joe and Ellabell and his four boys were here last Sunday all day, and we had a good day together. You know we have woods all around us in this historical neighborhood, and it is beautiful, even in winter. Father says it reminds him of Lick Run. This is a long letter, and the hour is late, so I will bid you an affectionate "fare thee well" till next time. Your nephew,

93 Biddle Rd, Paoli, Pa. John Robert Irwin

Thursday, February 12th

Dear Robert:

Thanks a lot for your letter No. 3. I certainly have been devouring all of the material you have sent and find it so interesting. I can well remember Aunt Melissa Bing visiting at our house. I think she lived in Uniontown [Unionville] at the time. I have often wondered just how she was related, but I see she came through the Iddings family. I would like to have a list of her children sometime. It is also very interesting about Betty's relationship to us. I cannot remember ever hearing any of the older members of the family mention the Johnsons, although the relationship was quite close, and most of the relatives found their way to Lick Run some time or other, usually stopping overnight at our home on the way back and forth. That kind of hospitality seems to be a thing of the past now. Do you have anything on the Moores. I can remember a Nathan Moore and his wife, old quakers, who often visited us. They lived at or near Grampian. There are still some of the family in that region, one named Fisher Moore. They were related in some way to the Irwins. Have you ever visited the old Concord Mill? I would like to see it, and I will sometime when we are driving in that section (when we get tires). There is another man up there, in my generation, named Daniel Miller. I have always thought he was some way related to us, but may be not. You have brought out a lot of names in the family that I have never heard of. Am glad to note, however, that so far you have only found one imbecile. Not bad considering so many first cousins marrying, if there is anything to that theory. I am being patriotic and saving paper. I will be most glad to make a copy of the material that I have for you. I may find something else that would be of interest to you. I have some obituaries of the older members of the family that might be of interest.

Have been having some correspondence with your father lately. They certainly do love Franklin and Eleanor [Roosevelt], and are no doubt enjoying the "planning" Eleanor is getting just now.

We certainly would like to have a visit with you sometime in your new home. If it is anything like Lick Run I could go for it in a big way. One of the greatest pleasures I have is roaming over the Lick Run hills and dales. Louise is very fond of it too, and when she is home she keeps me stepping.

Do not work too hard on the material, but I sure do appreciate it.

Kindest regards to all of your family.

Lew

February 18, 1942

Dear Uncle Lew:

I received your letter of some days ago and found considerable pleasure in reading it.

I have before me a slip of paper with the children of John and Melissa (Iddings) Bing listed. I don't know whose handwriting it is, but the names are not always easy to read. However, I will copy it as best I can. It reads:

"Children of John & Melissa Bing

Andrew Thompson
Beulah Jane   dead
Lorenzo I
Wilda Katura wife of Curtis Sensor [that's what it looks like]
Wm F   Dead
Ella Eudora
Joseph Addison married Mary Landing
Mary Lorena
Ira Elsworth
Olive Melissa

Ella Eudor married A P Holland"

Our relationship to the Moore's is as follows:

Lydia Fisher, daughter of William Fisher and Hannah Packer, was married in 1802 in Baldeagle to John Kirk (born 5-15-1777 York Co, Pa. died 12-23-1856) son of Thomas and Sarah Kirk, They had ten children. Hannah, the oldest (born 5-6-1804, died 6-6-1836), was married in 1826 to Thomas Moore. Whether Nathan Moore and Fisher Moore were his descendants I do not now know, but I will look it up in

"Lamborn's Genealogy", which undoubtedly gives the descendants of Thomas Moore.

At present I have no record of any Miller's in our connection at all. However such connection may exist. I'll look that up, too.

I have not as yet had the pleasure of seeing the Concord Mill. Mr. Christian Sanderson, a Chester County historian, of Chaddsford, told me shortly after the mill closed up, that they had some ceremonies at the time, and that if he had known it in time, he would have had me there as a descendant of John Mendenhall, who was one of its original stockholders. We both regretted my not being present on that historic occassion.

A couple of weeks ago I was going through copies of the minutes of Concord Monthly Meeting in the Genealogical Society in Phila. from 1684 to 1715. John Mendenhall seems to have been quite a pillar of the Friends Society, as his name constantly appears. It is curious how he varied the spelling of his name until it assumed its present form. Originally the name (in England) was Mildenhall. John at first is listed "John Mendingall"; then after some years it became "John Mendinghall"; then it became"John Mendinhall" and finally "John Mendenhall".

As the Betty's mother's line, the Johnson's, the following information is taken from "The Commemorative Biographical Record of Central Penna."

"Samuel Johnson . . . was born in York County, Penn. in 1781, having emigrated to Centre county at the age of seventeen. As his father had died when he was very young he was obliged to make his own way in the world unaided, and learned the cabinet maker's trade, at which he worked in Half Moon Valley until 1812. He was married, in 1804, to Miss Hannah Fisher, and eight years later they came to Clearfield county, where he purchased a tract of 150 acres of land at Grampian Hills. .. In 1851 he accompanied his son Garrison to the State of Indiana, where he died in 1863.

"James Johnson his son . . . was born in Centre county, July 10, 1806, and was six years of age when brought by his parents to Clearfield county. . . Until

he had attained his majority he gave his father the benefit of his labors, and then he and his brother Elah purchased 150 acres of land on Bell's run, where they erected a sawmill in 1832-3, and later a dwelling house. Subsequently they bought 163 acres additional, which they improved and prepared for farming purposes, remaining in partnership for eleven years. On dividing the property, James Johnson took the first purchase . . . Subsequently he bought another fifty-acre tract, and (again) 300 acres from Governor Bigler, and in 1866 he erected a woolen-factory and sawmill on Bell's run. . . At the end of four years the woolen-mill was destroyed by fire, but within ten months another was erected. . .

John S. Johnson, his son, "during his early manhood . . . remained at home assisting in the sawmill and woolen-factory, and after his marriage operated his father's farm for eight years. He then received 145 acres from his father's estate, of which only forty acres had been cleared and a small house erected thereon, but [later] . . . seventyfive acres [was] placed under the plow. . . one of the most desirable homesteads in Greenwood township. He . . . sold his interest in the factory and mill, but still engage[d] in lumbering to some extent in connection with his agricultural pursuits."

His daughter, Sarah, was Betty's mother.

I have a book with the old pioneer binding, bound in leather tied on with twine, which belonged to John Irwin Sr. On the first blank page appears at the top the signature of "John Irwin 7th John".

Beneath that in a different hand is written: "John Irwin Senior his Book
left in the care of John Irwin Jr by Fenton of new
Jersey "Read this book instead of prejudice pay due
attention that so thou mayest thereby receive profitable Instruction."

It is a book against War published in 1813.

It is a curious thing that from 1800 when John Irwin Sr and Sarah Iddings his wife presumably accompanied his son, John Jr. and the Fishers to Baldeagle Valley, I do not have a single record of him until his death in Bellefonte in 1829. Even

Ellis Irwin makes no mention of his grandfather Irwin in his autobiography. Why should there be a total blank in the records of John Irwin Sr of 29 years? Have you any record of him during those years?

The autobiography of Ellis Irwin, your grandfather, give a pretty full account of John Irwin Jr.

I have a letter he wrote his son Ellis in 1837. The next three pages are a copy of it.

IRWIN

JOHN IRWIN wrote a letter to his son ELLIS IRWIN in 1837 as follows:

Old Town 3d mo. 13th 1837

Dear Son not hearing lately from thee I shall write a few lines to let you know that we are well as usual except my self and I am mending as fast as I could look for considering my Situation three or four weeks ago I still feel the effects of the hurt in my breast which I got last fall which by taking cold and inflamation ensuing was the cause of my late sickness. I am in hopes if I get no backset to be able to attend to my Spring work. James is talking of starting to the City about the 20th of this Inst he and the rest of us concluded that the old friends offer that we wrote to thee about was too hard he concludes to go in the manner Franklin went and try his fortune if he can raise enough to cary him there if he can't find any place to Suit him he thinks he can find the road home again

thee wrote Several weeks or Months ago that thee had got a family Bible that thee wished to have the history of our Ancestors as far back as I had any Record of I shall commence with thy great Grandfather William Irwin entered in his family Bible brought by his wife Isabella Irwin when she came to this country her age is not recorded

William Irwin died the 30th of the 11th mo. 1773 aged forty five years
John Irwin born the 1st Mo 3rd 1750
Martha Irwin born 3d Mo 2nd 1752
James Irwin born 7 Mo 26 1754

William Irwin born 6 Mo 23 - 1757
Nathaniel Irwin born 12 Mo 8 - 1759
Elizabeth Irwin born 11th Mo 15th, 1766
Mathew Irwin born 11th Mo 5th 1768

These are the Issue of Wm and Isabella Irwin

Births & deaths of the children of John & Sarah Irwin

William Irwin born 20 of 5 mo 1775
Rebecah Irwin born 4 of 4 Mo 1778
died 13 of the Same aged 9 days
Isabella Irwin born 1 of 12 Mo 1779
John Irwin born 12 of 10 Mo 1782
Mary Irwin born 26 of 4 Mo 1785; died 13 of 9 Mo. 1795
Martha Irwin born 1 of 4 Mo -- 1789
Sarah Irwin departed this life 6 of 8 Mo. 1811 aged 61 years 3 Months & 6 days
John Irwin departed this life the 26 of the 3 Mo 1829 aged 79 years 3 Mo & 23 days
Isabella Irwin departed this life the 13 of the 9 Mo. 1834 aged 54 years 10 Mo. and 18 days.

Mary Iddings born the 21st of 10 Mo 1748
Sarah Iddings born 30 of 4 Mo, 1750
William Iddings born 4 of 11 Mo, 1753
James Iddings born 3 of 8 Mo, 1755
Rachel Iddings born 11 of 6 Mo, 1758
Lydia Iddings born 22 of 10 Mo, 1761
Lydia Iddings born 28 of 3 Mo, 1764
NB first Lydia died when Infant death not recorded
Wm Iddings died 13 of 1 Mo., 1835

These are the issue of John & Rebecca Iddings

John Irwin and Mary Fisher was Married the 17th of the 11th Mo, 1802

at Muncey Lycoming County

John Irwin born 12th of 10th Mo, 1782
Mary Irwin born 12 of 9 Mo, 1782
their children
Hannah Irwin born 11th day of the 8th Mo, 1803
Ellis Irwin was born 17 day of the 6 Mo, 1805
Sarah Irwin was born the 26th of 3d Mo, 1810
William F Irwin born the 4 day of 8 Mo, 1812
Mellisa Irwin was born the 18 of the 1 Mo, 1815
James Irwin was born the 23 day of 7 Mo, 1817
Martha Ann Irwin born the 20 day of 7 Mo, 1820
Mary Jane Irwin was born the 12 day of 2 Mo, 1825
Hannah Irwin was married to Wm Way the 15 of the 8 Mo, 1827
her son Ellis I Way was born the 20 of the 7 Mo, 1829
Hannah I Way departed this life the 15 of the 6 Mo, 1830
Ellis I Way departed this life the 5th day of the 12th Mo, 1830

(Letter of John Irwin concluded)

I have no record of thy Mothers Side I have scratched down all I have any account of my hand is so unsteady Since I was Sick that thee will be hard set to read the most of it, thy brother Wm was at home yesterday he still says he is geting better we have no letters from John very lately the last he Sent was to Jacob Thomas he observed in that their Furnace was doing well, I am geting tired Seting still we have been looking for a letter from thee for Some time as we have not heard any thing for 3 or 4 weeks past I think we amongtest us hear as often from John as thee -- Sarah is working away at her school she has about a week of her 4½ months to put in she intends as soon as that out to take a Subscription School Lewis has learned more with her this winter I think than he did ever before this has been a very wet day so that he could not go which made him very uneasy he is learning to write and prides himself in it very much

in that love which time nor distance never can destroy I remain thy Father

John Irwin

(This letter is in the possession of the writer John Robert Irwin, great-great-grandson of the above.)

February 20th.

Now I'll resume this letter,

I looked up the Moore's and Miller's in Lamborn's Genealogy today. It seems that were several lines of each descended from Robert Lamborn. The children of Thomas Moore and Hannah Kirk (referred to on the first page of this letter) were:

Harris Moore, born 1st Mo. 1828
Matilda Moore, born 7-24-1829; married 1-16-1852 to Mercer Whitson.

So I guess this isn't the line you referred to. However there is another line as follows:

Robert Lamborn's daughter, Ann (sister of Elizabeth), born 8-8-1728, was married 12-23-1749 to Samuel Fisher (brother of Thomas Fisher Jr.).

Their daughter, Ann Fisher (1st cousin of Wm. Fisher), born 4-11-1791, married William Ash.

Their daughter, Elizabeth Ash (2nd cousin of Mary Fisher), born 4-11-1791, died 8-29-1849, married Nathan Matson Rambo.

Their daughter, Ann Rambo (3rd cousin of Ellis Irwin), born 7-3-1809, married Robert Moore.

Their son, Nathan A. Moore (4th cousin of John F. Irwin), married Ann Gilbert.

This is the only Nathan Moore listed in the Genealogy. There is no Fisher Moore listed, but he may have been born too late to appear in the book. You and father appear in it, but my generation does not. I'll have to look up the Miller's again, as the line I copied down lived in Unionville.

I promised you what I have on the children of John Irwin Jr and Mary Fisher, and their descendants. I don't know what obituaries you have and some of what I have may not be new to you.

Their first child was HANNAH, born in Baldeagle, Center Co, Pa. 8-11-1803. She went to school in Bellefonte with her brother Ellis (your grandfather) to an old lady, Sarah Tucker. Ellis tells of it in his autobiography. In 1826, Ellis took her to Philadelphia to learn the bonnet making business. While there, she wrote him a letter (now in my possession) as follows:

Philadelphia 6th Month 17th 1826.

Dear Brother

I received the kind letter this morning and had great pleasure in the reading thereof, and was very glad to hear that you were all well except Aunt Beaulah I was very sorry for her. Thee mentioned that Father expected to come for me when I was ready to go home that would be very pleasing to me indeed, so

I have written to them the time that I will be ready to go I am anxiously waiting for an answer to know whether he will come again that time or not as Deborah Colson thinks I have knowledge enough in the businefs to go at any time she left it to my self to go when ever I wished to and I have set the first week in July which she is very well agreed to at which time I hope some of you will come for I want to get home very much as thee has an idea that I am so much attached to thee City that I will be -oath to leave it, I can inform thee that it is a very mistaken one, for I am very tired of it I see no enticements here I am like thyself in that respect for I have never seen any place that I would exchange for Baldeagle I had an idea before I came to the City that it was all perfection, but I find it very much the reverse. tho I find the people very kind and sociable. Friend Harts girls are very sociable with me I have spent the too last first days with them except Meeting hours. they have been in the country for the most part since warm weather which deprived me of their company, they have declined going to Niagara this summer. I forgot to write to thee before concerning thy shirt they found it soon after thee started in thy lodging room and I will take care of it, thee had need take care of thyself if thee comes to the City again for Sarah Hart fell in great conceit of thee she is often enquiring if thee is coming back again.

D. Colson wished me to send word home that the Bonnets are so hansom that I make (tho they are in the midst of first rate bonnetmakers) that she sells them very fast and they people think them very nice. please give my love to Grandfather and tell him that I intended to have written to him but I hope the time is drawing near when I will have the pleasure of talking with him, and all thy rest of my dear friends there so with that hope, and a great deal of love to all my relations there and in particular to fathers family I must conclude and remain thy affectionate sister

Hannah Irwin

NB, My health is much better than it was when I was at home the people all tell me that I look better than when I came here, I am quit freed from the head ache"

Ellis brought her home from Philadelphia shortly afterwards. On 8-15-1827 she was married to William Way of Half Moon, (son of Caleb and Jane Way) in Baldeagle by Friends' ceremony. They had one son, Ellis I. Way, born 7-20-1829; died 12-5-1830. On 5-25-1830, she wrote the following letter (now in my possession) to your grandfather, Ellis:

"My Dear Brother feeling my-self very lonesome this morning I would write a few linenes to the to let the know that I am still very weak and low and very poor hope of recovery. I wowuld be very glad to see thee and sister Hannah in here but I know this is impossible this is probable the last the ever receive from me therefore I want the be prepard to meet me in heaven and hope my Dear Saviour will receive me into his kingdom I am getting very tired and will have to end my writing so I bid thee Farewell

Hannah I Way"

Ellis and Hannah Irwin

5 Mo 26 1829

(Beneath this appears in the handwriting of Ellis Irwin:)

"The above date should have been 5 Mo 26 1830. She died 15th of the 6th Mo 1830 19 days after writing the above letter and aged 26 years, 9 months, & 4 days."

"13th 8th Mo 1885

"And now dear Sister after more than a half century since thy death I can with respect to thee feel the force of the expression She "being dead yet speaketh" and hope through the power of the Saviour in whom thee trusted to join with the purified spirit in that land of pure delight where Saints immortal dwell to part no more forever Ellis Irwin"

On 10-21-1831, William Way married again to Hannah Fisher, daughter of William Fisher Jr and Rachel Meredith, granddaughter of William Fisher and Hannah Packer, and Hannah Irwin's first cousin. I have no record of their children.

The second child of John Irwin Jr and Mary Fisher was your grandfather, Ellis Irwin. His autobiography (the original of which I presume is in your possession -- I have the copy you made in 1904) gives an account of his life. An account of his children and their descendants I will reserve for future letters

The third child of John Irwin Jr and Mary Fisher was JOHN IRWIN 3rd, who was born 3-13-1808 in Center Co. At the time of his death he was known as the Hon. John Irwin Jr. I take the following account of his life from an obituary written at the time of his death:

"Judge Irwin was born March 13, 1808, on the farm of his grandfather, William Fisher, Spring township then, now Boggs, near Snow Intersection. His grandfather, William Fisher, belonged to the Friends' Society and removed from Chester county to Bald Eagle Valley in 1800, and in 1812 built the stone mansion, a well known land-mark, still standing near the Intersection. His daughter, Mary Fisher, was married to John Irwin, Sr. [Jr.], at Muncy meeting house, Lycoming county.

"John Irwin, Sr. [Jr,], removed to Bellefonte in 1811, and in 1859 died in his seat while attending worship at the Friends' meeting house in Bellefonte. His wife survived him many years, and died in the 91st year of her age at her home in Bellefonte, and the fragrance of her beautiful life still lingers in the home she left for a brighter one above.

"John Irwin, Jr. [3rd], commenced business as a clerk for Valentine & Thomas, the iron manufacturers of Spring township, and was promoted manager. After learning the iron business thoroughly, while still a young man, he went with Mordecai Miller to Kentucky, and in connection with him started a furnace there, He was married October 19, 1837, to Anna H. Linn, daughter of the late Rev. James Linn, D.D., and took her to his residence in Kentucky, where several of their children were born.

"From Kentucky Mr. Irwin returned to Bellefonte and in 1841 became associated in the mercantile business with the late Henry Brockerhoff, The firm of

of Brockerhoff & Irwin dissolved by limitation in 1846. Mrs. Anna H. Irwin died March 27, 1847, and in 1848 Mr. Irwin removed to Howard Iron Works, as superintendent and part owner, carrying on the works under the firm name of Irwin, Thomas & Co. In 1865 the works were sold to Griscom, Bright & Co., and Mr. Irwin returned to Bellefonte, having purchased the residence of the late Hon. James Burnside, which remained his home ever since.

"He then associated in the hardware business with the late Col. P. Benner Wilson, under the firm name of Irwin & Wilson. This firm soon established a large trade and built a handsome hardware store on Allegheny street. Mr. Irwin retired from the firm in 1872, and on the 17th of August, 1876, he was commissioned by Governor Hartranft Associate Judge of the several courts of Centre county, vice W. M. Love, deceased, Since the expiration of his commission he has been actively employed in managing his private business and the important trusts committed him under the will of the late W. A. Thomas, deceased."

John Irwin 3d died 8-14-1889.

On 10-19-1837 Hon. John Irwin III married Anna H. Linn, daughter of Rev. James D. Linn, son of Rev. John Linn and Mary Gettys (daughter of founder of Gettysburg, Pa.) Anna Linn's mother was Jane Harris, daughter of James Harris (born 1755 in Lancaster Co, Pa) who laid out the town of Bellefonte, along with his father-in-law, on their own property in 1795; and Ann Dunlop (daughter of James Dunlop and Jane Boggs daughter of Andrew Boggs and ---- Patton ; James Dunlop being son of William and Deborah Dunlop; William, born in Ireland, being son of John Dunlop). James Harris was son of John Harris, born in Ireland 1723, immigrated to Pa. 1752, Lancaster Co., and Jean Harris daughter of John Grizzele Steel Harris son of Robert Harris. John Harris was son of James Harris (son of Edward Harris of Scotland and Flora Douglass) and Janet McClure.

The children of John Irwin III and Anna H. Linn were:

Mary A.	(born in Ky. in 1838; died in infancy).
Mary F.	(born in Ky. 10-27-1840; married 2-23-1878 to Edmund Blanchard, son of John and Mary (Miles) Blanchard, of Bellefonte.

Jennie Linn	(born in Bellefonte, 8-16-1842; married 8-16-1865 to Joseph C. Bright, son of George Bright and Rosanna Leach, of Pottsville, Pa.)
Samuel Linn	(born 4-2-1845; died 8-25-1845)
Anna Helen	(born 11-25-1846; died 7-11-1847).

The children of Edmund Blanchard and Mary F. Irwin were:

Rebecca G.	(born 8-30-1875).
Frederick	(born 8-9-1877)
Anna Irwin	(born 1-13-1879)
Christina	(born 12-25-1881).

(These are your second cousins.) T have no further record of them.

The children of Joseph C. Bright and Jennie Linn Irwin were:

Anna Linn	(born 8-10-1866)
John Irwin	(born 8-13-1869, now deceased (his widow lives in Ardmore, Pa.) He has a son -- Lieut. John Irwin Bright Jr. (appears in society news in today's "Phila. Evening Bulletin" 2-27-42).
George Howard	(born 5-23-1871)
Edmund	(born 12-8-1872)
Harris Linn	(born 11-4-1875)
Stanley	(born 4-2-1882 - he has a son Stanley Bright Jr., who has a law office a block from where I am employed, yet I've never met him).

(These are your second cousins). I know nothing more of them other than that some of them or their children are prominent Main Line socialites and a bit uppish.

The fourth child of John Irwin Jr and Mary Fisher was SARAH IRWIN who was born 3-26-1810 and died 3-25-1848. On Oct. or Nov. 11, 1830 she was married in Baldeagle by Friends' ceremony to Thomas Brooks of Milesburg, Pa., son of William Brooks and Sarah Starr. All their children died in infancy.

March 1st. To resume:

The fifth child of John Irwin Jr and Mary Fisher was WILLIAM FISHER IRWIN, who was born 8-4-1812 and died 9-5-1887. On either 8-17-1847 or 8-10-1848 he was married to Susan Antis (born 10-17-1823; died in Aug. 1885). Other than what appears in your grandfather's autobiography, I have no account of him. Have you?

The children of William F. Irwin and Susan W. Antis were:

Ellis Lindley	(born 4-30-1849)
Charles F.	(born 8-30-1851)
James P.	(born 5-5-1854)
Helen	(born 7-6-1856)
Mary	
Zillah	(born 6-29-1860)
John	(born 12-2-1861)
William F., Jr.	
Walter	(died in infancy.)

(This is all I know of them).

The sixth child of John Irwin Jr and Mary Fisher was Melissa, born 1-18-1815; died between Oct. 1894 and June 1895. On 10-15-1846 she was married to Louis W. Hagerman (born 11-14-1812; died 5-29-1856), son of Benjamin Hagerman and Elizabeth Finley.

Louis Hagerman and Melissa Irwin had two children:

John Irwin	(born 8-2-1851)
Sarah Brooks	(born 8-19-1853).

I have no further account of them.

The seventh child of John Irwin Jr and Mary Fisher was Dr. James Irwin, born in Bellefonte, 7-23-1817; died in Lander, Wyo., 1-21-1894. On 2-22-1843 he was married to Sarah Matilda Trumbull, of Jefferson Co, Pa., daughter of Olgeaman Trumbull and Sarah Matilda. Your grandfather described him as "a doctor by profession, and a rambler by occupation." The following account of him I take from an obituary published in the Landers (Wyo.) Gazette:

"Dr. Irwin was a graduate of the Geneva, N.Y., Medical college, class of 1844, and was actively engaged in the practice of his profession for forty years. He enlisted for the civil war in the Eighth Iowa infantry and served as surgeon throughout the war, and was, during a portion of this time, a member of the board of examining surgeons for the volunteer service. For some time after the close of the war he had charge of the Rock Island military hospital. In recognition of valuable and meritorious services performed in the line of his duty at the battle of Pittsburgh Landing, he received a letter of thanks signed by President Abraham Lincoln.

"Coming to Cheyenne, Wyo., on the first regular Union Pacific passenger train that entered the city, he at once, in company with Dr. Graham, opened a private hospital on the site now occupied by the "Gold Room." His business and practice here was closed in 1869, when, with thousands of others, he came to Atlantic City [Wyo.], the rush to the great South Pass gold mines having set in the year before.

"In May, 1871, the doctor was appointed United States Indian agent for the Shoshone and Bannock Indians, whose agency at that time was located on the present site of the town of Lander, known as Camp Brown. He held this position until the 31st day of May, 1877, when he was promoted to be agent of the hostile Sioux Indians at Red Cloud, and undertook the arduous task of their removal from the former to the Pine Ridge agency, on the White river in Dakota.

"After retiring from this service he went to Fort Collins, Col., and in company with Mr. Wills, opened a drug store, but being fascinated with the Wind river country, in 1881 he closed up his affairs and came to Lander, where he has since resided.

"In 1862 he was reappointed Indian agent of the Shoshone and Arapahoe Indians, of Wyoming (his old agency), which position he held for one year, when health and business cares compelled him to resign and retire to private life."

I have in my possession a letter he wrote to your grandfather, Ellis Irwin, in 1864, which reads as follows:

"Lander, Fremont County Wyo. Ter
Aug-10th 1884

"My dear Brother

"After a long mute Spell, which is perhaps my fault, I will write a letter if only to bring to recollection a brother that lives in those mountains, who often calls to memory dear friends that live toward the morning Sun. How many, if any of them, will I see again, God knows. We are growing old, even the youngest of us brothers and sisters, and it wont be long before we begin to drop of, and soon be all gone. And then,as I believe, live closer neighbors in a better world.

"Our families are well. Matilda and I are living on our ranch or farm, one mile from Lander City the county town of Fremont, lately taken from Sweetwater County and organized this summer. we are bothe in usual health, I might say

good health. We are just completing a comfortable little house, where we will live disconnected from the tenant Nettie Chalmers has almost recovered her former health. They live in town, Lander. He is runing a saddle and harnefs shop, and fixture store and doing well. There little daughter Zoe is now a little over a year old. She is a fine active child and very found of visiting her Grandparents.

"Doctor and Gertrude Stephenson with their three daughters are living in Spring Ville Utah and are there for the purpose of having their Children Educated. I just read a letter from Gertie stating they are all well. After the mines shut down this Fall, they will likely go to Salt Lake City to winter. Our tenant is now cutting and making Hay. Wheat will be ready to harvest in ten days, and then Oats We raise, Wheat, Oats, and potatoes, and a pretty large variety of Garden Vegetables. Sweet corn, but no field corn, Early Tomatoes, fine Cabbage and Squashes, Turnips, Ruta Bagas, Beets, Peas, Beans &c &c. All grow well and yeald largely. Oats 40 to 44 lbs per bushel. Wheat beside cockle. Not your cockle but a kind of Wild Bouncing Bet. A terrible pest. I dont farm any myself, We have no Wortz plows in this country. By the way we have a son of George Wortz here. An excellent man.

"I had a hard time with Sheep last winter, oweing to mismanagement of a man who had them on shares. The lofs in Sheep Lambs & Wool would figure up to four thousand dollars with out doubt. Sheep are like rafts, when you stove you Loose lots of money. When you loose rafts, you loose produce, but when you loose sheep you loose principle, produce & all and that makes a difference. If I had not camped out with them during March, April & May I think I would have lost the whole flock. The exposure was a hard pull on me, and made me feel old fast

"The circumstances which led to my quiting the Indian Service was some what complicated, but thee can get the animus from a brief statement.

"The Utes, Cheyennes, Arapohoes, Crows, Pegans Bannocks & Shoshones were in a starving condition last winter, and were killing stock mens cattle on the ranges. The Stock Men complained to the Governors of the respective States & Territories. The Governors complained to the Sect. of the Interior, and the most of the tribes received additional suplies. Mine, the Shoshones & Arapohoes did not. This is the only Agency in the Territory of Wyoming. The Stock Men threatened to go to shooting. My Indians were not killing many if any cattle at that time and were living largely on their cows & horses. The Gov. wrote again to the Sect. who replied, blameing me, and said that he would see that I kept my Indians at home and fed them as I was required to do. The Gov. sent me a copy of his letter to the Secretary, and the Sects. answer. Also a pretty sharp letter reminding me of my responsibility. Now my time came, and I wrote to the Gov. through the Deligate to Congrefs a full list of all the food supplies recd of the Government. And a copy of an official letter, stating that if I suffered a deficiency of any article to occur during the fiscal year I would be held accountable under my bonds. In my letter to the Governor I divided each article into 52 parts or weekly rations, and this into daily rations for 1800 people, and the showing was ridiculas, hardly enough to feed a chicken. The letter went to the Indian Com. of the Senate, and was sent to the Indian office for an explination, but they could not alter a figure, neither could they bring a charge openly against me, but sent an inspector to visit my Agency, and the poppit did the work to his masters satisfaction, and made a false report from one end to the other, and I was informed that my resignation would be accepted. I asked for a copy of the report, but could not get it officially. I refused to resign with any criminal or dishonorable charges against me. I was informed that there were no such charges, lie number 2. But I then tendered my resignation, after which the action of the Dept. got warmed up, and another Inspector was sent. I dont know what he reported but the first Inspector was suspended, and I dont know how they made it. I am out of it now and glad of it. I would get up in the night and feed my dog if I knew he was hungry. Every impulse

within me prompted me to do what I did for a suffering people. The Indians were very much dissatisfied and have threatened an outbreak, but I think they have concluded to be quiet

"I have now writen a pretty long letter, and will have to finish, as it is getting dark. This is Sunday. We have School and Church every Sabbath in town.

"I spent the last two days, that is 6th and 7th day back in the mountain. Saw four Grizzelies, no dear, and too much Bear, so I came home tired and satisfied

"Elain & Logan are trump here. Talk of R.Rs through N & W Wyoming. Large deposits of Coal and Oil discovered. It may be we will have a boom here before long.

"Now please write soon a long letter as I want very much to hear from old home

"We send Love to all

"Affectionately
"Thy Bro
James

"James Irwin
Lander City
Fremont Co
Wyo - Ter-"

Dr. James Irwin and Sarah Matilda Trumbull had these children:

Henry Lorain (born 10-10-1844; died 10-13-1847)
Hannah Gertrude (born 9-11-1846; died 10-10-1887 in Lander, Wyo.)
Frank Green (born 9-14-1852; died 4-1-1870 - killed by Indians)
Monetta Grizilla (born 12-6-1861).

On 12-23-1869, Hannah Gertrude Irwin was married to Dr. William Columbus Stephenson. I do not have the names of their three daughters. I received your account of her death and of that of her brother Frank Irwin, and also the account of the emigration of John Irwin Sr; for which I am very grateful. Thanks s lot.

On 12-29-1881, Monetta Irwin was married to William Frank Chalmers. Beyond the mention of their daughter "Zoe" in the above letter, I have no record of their children.

The eighth child of John Irwin Jr and Mary Fisher was MARTHA ANN, born 7-20-1820 and died 1-19-1900 (or 7-20-1890). On 2-15-1845 she was married to James C

Williams, of Bellefonte, son of James Williams and Priscilla Martin. He died 2-26-1902.

They had the following children:

John Irwin	(born in 1846. He married Ada Sarcen)
Harry C	(He married Anna Keller)
James H.	
Anna V.	
Priscilla	(died in youth)
Robert Ellis	(died in youth)
Mary J.	

I have no further account of them.

The ninth child of John Irwin Jr and Mary Fisher was MARY JANE, born 2-12-1825; died 9-25-1901 in Oak Park, Ill. On 6-30-1853 she was married in Centre Co, Pa. to Augustus Hyman, of Bellefonte, Pa., son of Samuel Hyman and Mary Sheetz.

They had these children:

John Irwin	(born 1-2-1856; married 10-24-1882 to Mary J. Hall, born 4-21-1862 - daughter of Wilford L. Hall and Sarah Williamson)
Mary	(born 10-15-1857; married 2-25-1877 to Thomas J. Hyman born 4-8-1855 - son of Sylvester Hyman and Elizabeth Elce)
James H.	(born 3-31-1859; married 7-3-1883 to Elizabeth Redig, daughter of Jacob Redig and Barbara Bearl)
William E.	(born 2-5-1862; died 5-8-1870)
George Parks	(born 10-12-1865)

I have no record of any of their children.

The following account is from an obituary of Mary Jane Irwin Hyman:

"Mrs. Mary Hyman, beloved wife of Augustus Hyman of Milwaukee, was born in Center County, Pa, Feb. 12, 1825, and died at Oak Park, Ill., Sept. 25, 1901, while on a visit at her daughter's home. Mrs. Hyman was of Quaker parentage and had a distinctly religious turn of mind. Early in life she was naturally inclined to the people called Methodists and would frequently find her way to the Methodist services, where she soon gave her name to become a life-long member. In 1853 she married Augustus Hyman and shortly afterwards went West. Since that time their home has been in various places in Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. In all the places they have lived with the exception of Bay View, Milwaukee, they

have had a hand in building churches. They have indeed been pioneers in planting Methodism in the West. The itinerant pastor always found a welcome at Sister Hyman's home. . . Besids her aged husband, she leaves a brother aged ninety-seven and four children -- Mrs. T. J. Hyman of Oak Park, John T. and George P. Hyman of Chicago and James H. Hyman of Milwaukee."

Well, this is a pretty voluminous letter, and I've taken some time in the writing, having begun it twelve days ago. I've been rather busy with various things, including civilian defense, and I've had to write in bits as I could.

Joe has just secured a new position as Assistant Purchasing Agent with the Rheem Mfg. Co., of Baltimore. He does not know yet whether he is to be placed in Baltimore or Newark, N.J. Its curious that the name should be RHEEM Mfg. Co. The spelling R h e e m is not a very common one, and I must say that my curiosity is piqued. It would be quite a coincidence if it should turn out that Joe was working for a relative. Well, anyhow, this is quite an opportunity for Joe, being much better financially and much better prospects for a future than where he was. Dad and Mother are quite elated over it.

Sorry to hear of Aunt Blanche's injury. She certainly has had tough luck these past years. I was over home last night and told them about it.

Well, I guess this is enough for one letter, so I'll close till next time. Give our best to the folks.

Your nephew,

John Robert Irwin

Biddle Road,
Paoli, Pa.

February 26, 1942

Dear Robert,

I am enclosing some material which I have copied from a book borrowed from Mary Irwin. There is a lot of other data in this book, but all a duplication of

what you already have.

I have gotten a substantial binder, and am putting your letters in it along with whatever matter I can find relative to our family. I think that this will be a very valuable book to hand down to posterity.

Your Aunt Blanche Gearhart had a bad accident last Tuesday evening. She feel on an icy spot in their driveway and broke a bone in her hip, below the pelvis fortunately. It was set yesterday afternoon and we hear that she is suffering a lot from it. The doctor says they will have to put a silver pin in near the knee to hold the muscles. We all feel very sorry about it as she has had a good many bumps of various kinds the past few years.

Kindest regards to you and yours

Sincerely,

Lew

JOHN IRWIN, born Mch. 1, 1750

When a young man John determined to go to America. He engaged and paid his passage. His mother took sick and opposed his going. He was the eldest, and on him she relied for protection and support. To leave her, which he did, on what he supposed was her death bed, in a helpless condition, very ill and full of sorrow, was almost more than he could do. The time for sailing came, He must lose his money or go. He decided to go, and summoning all his strength he bade her and his friends farewell. After he had gone some distance he turned and looked back and saw her supported by his younger brother and sister in the doorway watching him as he receded in the distance. He sailed from Belfast, landing in Philadelphia after a six month's voyage. Owing to the delay they suffered much, being short of provisions and water. After he had settled in Chester county he was one day working in a field by the roadside. An elderly lady and man passed by and called asking

him if he knew John Irwin. He recognized his mother and took her to his home. John Irwin was married by the Church of England ceremony in Chester County to Sarah Iddings in 1774. They had five children. They removed from Chester county in 1801 and settled in Bald Eagle Valley, three miles above Milesburg.

Taken from Western papers (No doubt Wyoming)

Died at her home in this place on the 10th instant, Hannah Gertrude Stephenson wife of Dr. W.C. Stephenson, aged 42 years and 29 days. The deceased was born in Chester County, Pa Sept 11, 1846. She was the daughter of Dr. James Irwin, She leaves a husband and three children all daughters. The deceased camed to this country at an early age with her parents, and was consequently one of the pioneers, having witnessed many hardships known only to the early settlers of a new country where savages roam and sekk to destroy. In 1870 the family resided in Atlantic City in this county, and it was there that she witnessed the horrid death of her brother Frank who was cruelly and heartlessly murdered by hostile Indians. Frank was shot on the 31st of March 1870 in the near vicinity of home which he managed to reach. He died on the first day of April and was buried there in the mountain fastness of that mining camp, where his remains were allowed to rest in peace until last Tuesday when they were exhumed, brought to this place and buried in the North Fork burial ground in the same grave with his sister. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. John Roberts and the double burial took place Wednesday the 12th instant from Trinity Church.

FRANK GREEN IRWIN

The subject of this memoir was killed near Atlantic City in this county on the 31st day of March 1870 by Indians in a most heartless and cowardly manner. He was the son of Dr. James Irwin of this place, who at that time resided at Atlantic City. He was in his 18th year, bright, promising and a general favorite. The deceased was decoyed by five Arapaho Indians, who under the guise of friend-

ship approached him with the usual salutations, and at a moment when he least expected fired upon him, the ball passing through his right shoulder. Young Irwin fell, but recovering was soon on his feet, making the best fight he could against such odds, trying in vain to get hold of his revolver with the left hand. Was repeatedly knocked down, until finally his merciless tormentors, thinking him dead, each discharged an arrow into his prostrate form, after which with horrid savagery they stripped him of the last vestage of clothing, the arrows deep buried in the flesh of their victim, whom they believed dead, but recovering soon he arose and walked reeling to a point near the town, where he was met and carried to a cabin near by. Dr. Harrison was at once summoned and did all in his power to save him without avail. Dr. Irwin, his father, was absent at South Pass, but returned before his death which occurred the following day. To his father he said "Father I do not wish you to think me a coward. I did the best I could and if I had succeeded in getting hold of my revolver I should have had company. He was buried on a hillside near the town, the remains placed in an ordinary coffin which was surrounded by a hastily improvised tin case, hermetically sealed. There in that quiet spot the remains had lain for over seventeen years. When they were exhumed and brought in order that they might be laid permanently to rest by the side of his sister as stated above. The remains were found to be in an almost perfect condition or state of preservation, the features being easily recognized. The clothing remained intact, was clean and sufficiently strong to bear the weight of the remains to a new casket. The white gloves were scarcely soiled. After the lapse of 17 years all that is mortal of this noble true hearted young man had been laid to final rest with his loved sister, who never ceased to sorrow for her dead brother.

March 12, 1942

Dear Robert,

Thanks a lot for your recent letter, No. 4. It certainly contains a lot of interesting information. It is too bad that you did not get down to the Concord Mill ceremonies. If I am ever in that section I want to look it up. I am sorry that I do not have any information on John Irwin, Sr. In fact I have very little on any of the family except what you have sent me. William Irwin has a lot of descendents. I think Mary is the only one of his children now living. I am going to spend an evening or two with her in the near future and get what information she may have on her father's family. We were over at Philipsburg last Sunday to see Ruth, daughter of Wm. E. Irwin. You probably know that she married a John C. Hoffer. I gave her some of the data on our family tree that I thought would interest her, and she has promised to send me a complete list of her father's family with dates of births, deaths etc., and also her own children and grandchildren. As soon as I have this I will send it to you. Mary Irwin must have been born about 1858. She will not tell her age, but loves to talk about her ancestors, so I may be able to get some interesting information from her.

As to the children of Edmund Blanchard and Mary F. Irwin, Rebecca was married to a Dr. Green, and is now living in Lock Haven. Her husband died about a year ago. No children. Anna Irwin married a Clearfield boy, Robert B. Reed, son of Frank B. Reed, and is living in St. Petersburg, Fla. They have no children. I do not think either Frederick or Christina were ever married.

George Howard Bright has a large wholesale hardware establishment in Reading, Pa., but I know nothing more about them. We have often noticed, too, the society news about the children of John I. Bright. Both John I. and Sarah B. Hagerman died a number of years ago, and neither of them were married. John, known as "Irv" was a court stenographer for years, and a bosom companion of the Judge in Center county. They both led a pretty gay life, and Irv was down and out when he died.

I am quite sure the Nathan Moore, descendent of Robert Lamborn, is the one who came to our home so often. Fisher Moore is of a later generation, and would not be in the Lamborn book.

We were glad to hear about Joe's new position. No doubt it will be pretty hard for his father and mother to have him leave Bridgeport, but that is better than having him go into the army. I am afraid that we will have to face that situation before long. Richard has an occupational deferment at present, but has a feeling that he should be getting into the fray. I think it harder on the parents than it is on the boys. We certainly need a "Moses" now to lead Washington out of the wilderness.

Thanks again Robert for the time and trouble you have taken to give me so much information. I notice that you have been using a lot of excess postage, and the least I can do is to reimburse you for that, and I am enclosing some postage stamps for that purpose.

Sincerely,

Lew

March 13, 1942

Dear Uncle Lew:

From this point on, you probably can give me as much information about our family as I can give you, and what I do give you, you may already possess. I would certainly be very grateful to you for such supplemental data, reminiscenses, etc. about the various members of the family I will be writing about from now on that would be of interest to posterity. I feel that the family records now in my possession are a sacred trust passed down from the generations before, and with such additional information I am able to gain, to be handed down to the generations which are, I hope, to follow. My hope is that they will feel their obligation as I have, and will preserve and continue to record for those that follow them. The old-timers, especially the Friends, took more interest in family records than people do, now-adays, in these turbulent times. And from the looks of things, the

times to come are likely to be even more difficult, so that our descendants may feel that they have scant time for such idle things as family records; yet, actually it takes little time to preserve, and to carefully record when it is spread over a lifetime. The indifference of several generations may produce an irreplaceable gap.

Your grandfather, Ellis Irwin, was born 6-17-1805 in Baldeagle Valley, about 3 miles south of Milesburg, Center Co, Pa. He died, as you know, 5-10-1902, in his 97th year. A person does not really grasp what 97 years means till he puts it this way: he was born six years after George Washington died, and died when I was two years old. If he were alive today, he would be 137 years old! I have this information about him which does not appear in his autobiography:

"He with Robert Wallace and G. P. Gulich organized the first Sunday School in Clearfield in 1840. He witnessed the hanging of Monks, in Bellefonte, in 1819; he voted at 75 general elections and 19 Presidential elections, his first vote for President being for John Quincy Adams, who was defeated in 1828, then for Henry Clay in 1832; Henry Harrison in 1836; Harrison in 1840; Clay in 1844; Zachary Taylor in 1848; Winfield Scott in 1852; John C. Fremont in 1856; Abraham Lincoln in 1860; Lincoln in 1864; U. S. Grant in 1868; Grant in 1872; Rutherford B. Hays in 1876; Garfield in 1880; James G. Blaine in 1884; Benjamin Harrison in 1888; Harrison 1892; McKinley 1896, and McKinley in 1900. He was the oldest postmaster in commission in the United States at the time of his death." This is from an obituary. An account of him will be found in the "History of Clearfield County," in the "Commemorative Biographical Record of Central Pennsylvania," and in "Lamborn's Genealogy."

On 1-10-1827 he married by Friends' ceremony Hannah Iddings, daughter of John Iddings and Ann Carroll (whose lines I wrote of in my first letter). She was spoken of in the public print as "a lady of intelligence and refinement." Father says he remembers her as a small, kindly grandmother, whose daughters would not allow her to do any of the housework, so that she spent her declining years in her rocker sewing and doing fancy-work. However, he was only twelve when she died, so

I judge she did much more than appeared to his child eyes. Ellis Irwin and Hannah Iddings had eight children as follows:

Lewis Iddings, born 9-29-1827 in Center Co. Pa. and died 11-11 or 12-2-1882, who married Amelin V. Smith, daughter of Lewis W. Smith (born 7-5-1803) and Martha Matilda Collins (born 6-11-1810), 6-21-1853. She was born 8-18-1828 and died 1904 in Philadelphia. Her father died 2-15-1847. Her full name was Amelia Valvenia Smith.

John Fisher, your father, born 2-20-1829 and died 11-17-1912 in Clearfield. He was born near Bellefonte. On 5-22-1866 he was married by Dr. Monroe to Sarah Ellen Rheem in the Methodist Episcopal Church in Clearfield (of which the Rheems were members). Raised a Quaker, he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1873, thus ending eight generations of Quakerism in our family. (I must confess I would be rather inclined to the Friends myself if it were not wartime -- I don't think this an ordinary war -- and were it not for my children who rather favor the Presbyterians, liking the Great Valley Presbyterian Church, founded 1706, near us. My own views are more Friend-ly than Presbyterian, but I go there to keep the family together, though I have not connected with it. My upbringing was Methodist, as you know -- if it matters). More on the Rheems, Wunderlichs, Updegraffs, and the decendants of John Fisher Irwin later.

Mary Ann, born in Grampian, Clearfield Co., Pa. 11-16-1830, and died 1-12-1907 unmarried, in Clearfield.

Henrietta, born in Grampian 4-25-1832 and died unmarried 3-17-1914 in Philipsburg, Pa.

William Ellis, born in Curwensville, Pa. 2-23-1834 and died 7-19-1902. On 6-15-1869 he married Susanna Harnish Tussey, who was born in Canoe Valley, Huntingdon Co, Pa. daughter of Robert Tussey.

Melissa, born in Curwensville, 4-13-1835, and died 12-11-1862.

Joseph Ritner (named for Gov. Ritner, I presume) born in Clearfield, Pa. 4-6-1837 and died 3-23-1901. He married, first; Maris J. Bard of Curwensville on 7-4-1867. She having died in 1878, he married her sister, Kate Bard, on 6-16-1880. They were the daughters of William and Susan Bard.

James, born in Clearfield, 10-18-1841; died 1-3-1853.

I have no account of the life of Lewis Iddings Irwin. Do you have anything about his life you can send me? I have the following on his wife, Amelia Valvenia Smith:

"Mrs. Amelia, widow of the late Lewis Irwin of Goshen Township this [Clearfield] county, died at the home of her daughter, West Philadelphia, on Monday morning [1904] aged 76 years. Her maiden name was Smith, a cousin of C. W. and H. W. Smith of this place. Since the death of her husband in 1882 she has resided with friends at Atlantic City and Philadelphia and a part of the time at Lick Run. She was a lady of culture and refinement whose cup of sorrow was filled, she having buried four daughters and her husband. She is survived by one married daughter. Interment was made in Philadelphia."

Lewis Iddings Irwin and Amelia Valvenia Smith had the following children:

Martha Adelia, born 4-14-1854; died 3-21-1878 of tuberculosis.
Clara P., born 6-9-1856; died 3-11-1874 of tuberculosis.
Amelia B., born 10-13-1857; died 2-18-1887 of tuberculosis.
Mary H., born 8-26-1860; died 3-2-1878 of tuberculosis.
Anna S., born 10-7-1868. She married but I don't know whom. Do you know?

I don't know much about Aunt Mary Ann Irwin except that she raised you children when your mother died, and that she was a rigid Quaker. (Dad tells me you were quite a tiker when you were a youngster, Tch! Tch! I guess that puts you and me in the same boat.) I have only a faint recollection of Aunt Mary Ann, as I was only six when she died. Could you tell me something of her?

Aunt 'Retta (Henrietta) I remember well; in fact, my childhood memories of her are of one of the most unselfish, kindly and saintly women I ever knew. I never felt that she got her just dues in this life.

March 15th. To resume:

From obituaries of William Ellis Irwin I have the following:

"William Ellis Irwin, son of the late Ellis Irwin, of Lick Run, died at his home in Philipsburg, Saturday, July 19, 1902, aged 68 years.

"Deceased was a native of Clearfield county, born February 23, 1834. When a boy he attended the Clearfield Academy until fifteen years of age when he went to work on a saw mill. Afterward he went to Howard, Centre county, to work at Howard Iron works, then operated by his uncle.

"The Civil War breaking out, Mr. Irwin responded to his country's need, enlisting September 13, 1862, in Company L, 5th P.V.C., afterward reorganized as Company E. After three month's drilling at Carlisle Barracks his regiment was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland, later to the Army of the Tennessee, and Mr. Irwin took part in a number of important engagements, including the battles at Antietam and Murfreesboro, and Stone River. At the end of one year spent in the field, he was detailed in the quartermaster's department, with which he was connected until May 1, 1866. On his return from the army he went to Philipsburg and engaged in the mercantile business, which he gave up in 1875 to enter the lumber trade. In 1887 he engaged in the insurance business, in which he continued up to his death."

He "was active in every public enterprise and served in many positions of trust, having been for many years Secretary of the School Board and greatly interested in the success of the schools."

According to what I have, William Ellis Irwin and Susannah Harnish Tussey had three children:

Franklin Fisher, born 11-20-1870 in Philipsburg, Pa,: died in 1925. On 10-23-1895 he married Cora Miniam Row, who died in 1906.

Dorothy Harnish Tussey, born 1-26-1872; married 7-7-1892 to Clarence B. Holly, of Beverly, Mass. inventor and owner of patent for the Holly steam

heating system.

Ruth Hannah, born 2-2-1885 in Philipsburg; married John C. Hoffer.

Franklin Fisher Irwin and Cora Miniam Row had one son:

William Ellis Row Irwin, born 7-15-1896 in Philipsburg; married 7-15-1918
to Maud Virginia Kinnier. They have one son:
William Kinnier Irwin, born 9-14-1928

Billie (W.E.R. Irwin) lived in Norristown for awhile at which time he went up and down the Great Chester Valley arranging with the property owners for rights to put the high power lines from Conowingo Dam through their properties. He is a Civil engineer, as you know. (He was on relief for a short time), and then went to New Jersey. Thence he went to Louisiana, where I lost track of him. Where he is now I do not know. When he was in Norristown, we visited back and forth. Once he and I went to Downingtown, Pa. to see Mr. William Irwin Pollock, who kept the genealogical record of the Chester County Irwins, to see if he had any record of our particular ancestors, but there were none.

The only child of Clarence B. Holly and Dorothy Harnish Tussey Irwin, I have record of is: Harold Irwin Holly, born in 1897. This is all I know about them.

I have record of four children of John C. Hoffer and Ruth Hannah Irwin:

Dorothy Irwin Hoffer, born in 1913.
Susanna, born in 1915.
Christine H., born in 1917.
John, born in 1919.

This is all I know about them.

I have a number of obituaries of Joseph Ritner Irwin, of which the following is most informative:

"Died, at him home in Curwensville, Pa., on Saturday evening, March 23, 1901, at 5:30 p.m., Joseph Ritner Irwin, aged nearly sixty-four years.

"Joseph R. Irwin, as he was always known, was born in Clearfield, Pa., April 6, 1837, while his father, Ellis Irwin, occupied the office of Prothonotary. Joseph attended the public schools and the Clearfield Academy and then concluded to settle in the west. He went to Rock Island, Ill., which was then well out on the

frontier and began the study of medicine with his uncle Dr. James Irwin and pursued his studies for two years. He never entered upon the practice of medicine, but returned to Pennsylvania and engaged in the common business of lumbering and, later, was engaged as a clerk for the Howard Iron Works in Centre county.

"When Leonard Finney & Co. were engaged in the banking business in Clearfield, Mr. Irwin was made Teller and afterwards went to Curwensville and accepted the same position in the Curwensville bank. He remained for some time with this bank and then opened a drug store in Curwensville and continued in this business until his death. During the war of the rebellion Mr. Irwin enlisted in a company organized by Captain Thomas, of Howard, Pa., but they were never mustered into the Service of the United States.

"Mr. Irwin was twice married, first to Maria Bard, a niece of the late Hon. Gen. John Patton. She died . . and later, he married Miss Kate Bard, a sister of his first wife. Of the first union no children were born, but of the second there were three children. .

"Mr. Irwin has always been regarded as one of the foremost citizens of the community of his adoption. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church."

Joseph Ritner Irwin and Kate Bard had three children:

William Ellis, born 5-17-1881; died in 1895, aged 14.
Joseph Bard, born 7-13-1883. Father says he lives in Calif. or Oregon somewhere and is unmarried.
Frank Carroll, born 8-28-1885.

This is all I know of them.

March 23rd. To resume:

I had intended in this letter to continue on with such as I have about your father and your mother and her family (none of which, however, I suppose, is new to you). However, I shall have to defer this till a later date as, at present, I am up to my neck in defense work and training. I have joined the Auxiliary Police, and, for the moment, it is occupying a good bit of my time and attention. Hence, the letters written in bits.

It will be hard to see Richard go, but I'm afraid we have to face the inevitable. On February 9th I had to register for possible military duty, and, personally, I have little doubt that before this thing is over I'll be in the army, dependents or no dependents, for men will be needed very badly indeed if it lasts as long as now appears. How many of us will survive this war God only knows, but if we lose it life won't be worth the living, anyhow. I would certainly have more hope of our winning it if Washington were not apparently such a stupid, greedy confusion. There seems a lack of definiteness, precision, and efficiency which are so necessary for swift preparation. Too much politics and self-seeking. What a mess! John will be sixteen this year, and if this war lasts more than two years more, very probably he will have to go too. And, as you say, that is worse than being in it onesself. But in this kind of war, those of us who do not go may find ourselves as much in it as those who do. When we look ahead the picture certainly is not pretty. However, I am learning to live very much in the present and take the future as it comes, to be so busy in the present that I have little attention for the future. And anyhow the future is not real until it becomes the present, so that, when all's said and done, it's only the present we need give our attention to in kaleidoscopic times like these. But I'm very sure of this, that God is, and that all will be right in the end. Look at the unswerving stars on a dark night twinkling imperturbably down as they have for eons and will for eons, calm and sure, undisturbed by the brief and insignificant follies of men, -- look UP, above the calamorous turmoil of life, to the steadfastness of the universe, to the steadfastness of That behind the universe; -- look up at the stars and gain fresh confidence. Richard, and all of us, are in that same steady hand! Let's drink deep of the spirit of the forests and hills, imperturbable, majestically calm, unhurried and at peace, while little man is rushing furiously by -- for what? something they do not have? Even the little birds, for all their flutterings and chirpings are strangely content and

undisturbed, for unlike us, they are not plagued with doubts and questionings and uncertainty. And their content is in their certainty. We are in the same Hand!

Affectionately,

93 Biddle Road
Paoli, Pa.

Your nephew,

Robert

May 21, 1942

Dear Robert:

I have delayed answering your last letter, hoping that I would have some more information that I have been trying to get from Ruth Hoffer and Mary Irwin on their respective families. None of this has come to hand as yet, but I will get it later. Mary does not have any obiturary of her father, but said she could give me some information from memory.

I do not have anything at all on the life of Uncle Lewis I Irwin, but always understood that he went into business with grandfather at Lick Run, and spent the balance of his life there. The last I have heard of his daughter Anna S. was that she is living at Wayne. She married a man named Hamilton, and I think has some children. Your father may know something about her.

As to Aunt Mary Ann who did act as a mother to us, and a mighty good one too, led a very uneventful life. She was a very ardent temperance worker, and most of her spare time was devoted to fighting the liquor and tobacco business. She got around a good bit, as I remember, attending Friend's meetings and temperance conventions. Both she and Aunt Henrietta were interested in world affairs, and did a lot of reading. Aunt Mary did the traveling while Aunt Retta did most of the work. I can well remember Aunt Retta settling down after supper each evening and reading the newspaper aloud to Grandfather, while he

was sound asleep most of the time on the sofa. She read it, however, thoroughly. The memories I have of my life at Lick Run with those saintly souls are my most cherished possessions.

As to the two living sons of Uncle Joseph Irwin, J. Bard was married about 1906, His wife's name is Marie. They live at 512 So. Hobart Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. No children. I keep up a casual correspondence with him. Frank, as you probably know, was afflicted with infantile paralysis when he was about seven, and it left him more or less a moron. I have asked Bard a number of times to let me know where he is located, but he has not given me the information. He lived with his mother at Wilkinsburg, Pa., a part of Pittsburgh, until she died, and I heard indirectly that he had some sort of employment in one of the city parks.

Your bit of philosophy was very much appreciated, and I agree with everything that you said. I hope the war will have ended before your boy is old enough to go, and I rather think it will.

Richard gave up his work at Wilkinsburg last week, as he as well as we wanted him to have some time at home before he left for the army. He has a pretty good chance of getting into a regimental band in the near future. If he is successful he will go to a new camp near Muskogee, Oklahoma. A local boy who has worked his way up in Army music is organizing three large bands, and wants Richard in one of them. Richard has been playing the trumpet since he was a small kid, and he would be quite happy if he could get into band work.

How is Joseph getting along in his new work. I can imagine that your father and mother feel lost.

I want to thank you again, Robert for all of the information you have given me on the family, and anytime that You have anything additional I would be glad to have it to add to my book. I often wonder what becomes of all of the old family bibles that were religiously kept up by our ancestors. They would have a lot of valuable information. Kind regards to all the family.

Lew

July 7, 1942

Dear Uncle Lew:

Sorry for the long delay in answering your letter, but I hope you will find the new data in this letter worth the wait. I have been trying to trace out the SCARLETT line and have finally suceeded.

JOSEPH RICHARDS of Newgate in the parish of Whitney and county of Oxon, England, mason, with his wife JANE and family came to Chichester (Marcus Hook), Chester (now Del.) Co., Penna. before 1683. He was a Friend. From John H. Martin's History of Chester, I copy the following:

"The first Court of the new county of Chester, met Feb. 14, 1683, at Chester, and adjourned to the 27th of the same month." In the list of jurors appended is Joseph Richards. pp. 70,71.

"An account of the Lands in Pennsylvania, granted by William Penn, Esq., Chief proprietary and Governor of that province to several purchasers within the Kingdom of England, Ireland and Scotland, Pa. Archives, p. 40." In the list of purchasers is the following:

"Joseph Richards 500 Acres." page 68.

"In accordance with a petition of David Lloyd, a road or street was laid out from his plantation on Chester creek to the public landing. The Grand Jury on 4 mo. 4, 1690, laid out a street 30 feet wide. . The street began at the public landing place on Chester creek, and ended 'at the further side of JOSEPH RICHARD'S lot near David Lloyd's house.' The street thus laid out was called Filbert street, and is now named Second street in the plan of the City of Chester." page 88.

"Joseph Richards was a signer of a petition presented to "a meeting of the Provincial Council held at Philadelphia, ye 19th March, 1705-6," to lay out the Queens Road. page 59.

"The first report of a Jury assessing road damages, was made to the Court Nov. 25, 1707, as follows: 'In pursuance to an Order of Court to us, dated the 26th day of Aug, 1707, to adjude the value of so much of Joseph Richard's manured land as is laid out for a road leading from Chester to Aston; having viewed the said road, do judge the said land contained in the said road, to five pounds; witness our hands ye 26th of November, 1707,' 6 signers, 'Allowed by the Court, and ordered to be entered on the records, and the Court orders the Treasurer to pay said Joseph Richards the said five pounds," pp. 72, 73.

Among the signers (listed on pp. 93, 94) of a petition presented to the Council, endorsed and dated the 14th of 12 mo., 1700 for two fairs in the town of Chichester (Marcus Hook), appear these three ancestral names: John Mendalhall, William Huntly, Joseph Richards.

Joseph Richards died in Chichester (Marcus Hook), Pa. in 1710.

I find four children of JOSEPH and JANE RICHARDS recorded:

Ann
Susanne
Joseph
Nathaniel

Ann married first, Anthony Weaver. After his death she marreid second, HUMPHREY SCARLET (also spelled Scarlett).

Susanna married James Lownes, of Springfield township (Del. Co. Pa.)

Joseph and Nathaniel lived in the lower part of Aston township (Del. Co. Pa.).

Nathaniel died in 1700, leaving the children: William, Nathaniel, Elizabeth and Mary.

The SCARLETTS were believed to be from Wales, came to England, then to America.

HUMPHREY SCARLETT was a resident of Chichester in Delaware Co. Pa. as early as 1690. He marreid ANN, widow of Anthony Weaver, and daughter of JOSEPH and JANE RICHARDS of Aston, Delaware County, Pa. Humphrey Scarlet appears in the list of

taxables residing in Upper and Lower Chichester (Del. Co.), in 1722. He died in 1746.

Children of HUMPHREY SCARLETT and ANN RICHARDS:

John Scarlet, born 4-9-1691; died 4-30-1772
Shadrach Scarlet
Susanna Scarlet
Nathaniel Scarlet born about 1700; died 11-2-1784
Elizabeth Scarlet
Mary Scarlet
Rebecca Scarlet

Shadrach Scarlet married Phebe Bowater in 1717; Susanna married Daniel Brown 9-22-1721; Nathaniel married Hannah Dutton 8-29-1730; Elizabeth marreid Richard Cox 10-15-1726; Mary married Thomas Hall; Rebecca married -------- Brown.

JOHN SCARLET and ELINOR MARTIN declared intentions of marriage before Chester Monthly Meeting 1-28 and 2-25-1715 and were married before 3-30-1715.

MATTHIAS MARTIN was a settler in Charlestown Township, Chester Co., Pa. (near here) in 1722.

ELINOR MARTIN, daughter of MATTHIAS and ETHELREW MARTIN, was born 4-20-1684; and married JOHN SCARLET in 1715.

JOHN SCARLET, wife ELINOR and family (daughters Hannah and Elinor) certificate from Chester Meeting to Oley Meeting (Robeson Twp. Berks Co. Pa.) 1-31-1740. The Exeter Monthly Meeting (Robeson Twp. Berks Co. Pa.) records: received a certificate for JOHN SCARLETT, wife and family from Chester Monthly Meeting, Del. Co., Pa. 4-26-1740.

From I, Daniel Rupp's History of the Counties of Berks and Lebanon, 1844, I copy the following:

"Robeson township was settled at an early period. Among its first and principal settlers, were the Friends or Quakers. . These were Gaius Dickinson, JOHN SCARLET, and Peter Thomas -- all Friends, and who settled when the country was a wilderness."

I copy the following from the Sillert Cope Collection in the Genealogical Society, Phila.:

"JOHN SCARLETT, son of Humphrey and Ann Scarlett, was their oldest child, and was born 4 mo. 9, 1691. The parents were members of the Church of England, but they frequently attended the meetings of Friends, and their son John whilst quite young became convinced of the principles held by Friends and was received into membership amongst them, as he continued faithful to the knowledge received. He became a serviceable man in the church, living in love and great unity with faithful members. He became a member of Exeter Monthly Meeting and was for 30 years an elder thereof. He was a man peaceful and loving and he had a good report amongst his neighbours. He was a kind husband and a tender parent given to hospitality, and entertaining his friends cheerfully and freely, although during the latter part of his life he was disabled in his limbs and deprived of his sight. Yet through the good presence of his heavenly Father he was often cheerful. He departed this life at his son John Scarlett's in Robeson Township, Berks County, Pen. 4 mo. 30, 1772 aged about 82 years. He married Elinor Martin, daughter of Mathias and Ethelew Martin in 1715. She was born 4-20-1684. He removed to Robeson Township, Berks, Co., His certificate was received at Exeter Monthly meeting from Chester monthly meeting, Delaware Co, Pa, in 1740. At that time there was no monthly meeting at Robeson. Robeson monthly meeting was established later in 1740. Robeson Friends before that time were members of Oley monthly meeting, afterwards called Exeter monthly meeting.

"JOHN and ELINOR SCARLETT had 3 children. There is no account of any more. JOHN, ELINOR, and HANNAH.

"His daughter HANNAH married Thomas Musgrove and his daughter Elenor married Thomas Poultner and son John married Elizabeth Humphrey, daughter of Benjamin of Haverford 10-31-1741."

"William Iddings (Jr.) of Robeson married 6 mo 26, 1766 at Robeson Meeting a second wife Hannah Musgrove a widow and in 1774 removed to Brandywine Township, Chester Co. This was undoubtedly the daughter of John and Elinor Scarlett."

And from a letter in the collection:

"I never heard the MARTINS came from Wales the only place I ever heard was from England."

The marriage of Thomas Musgrove (or Musgrave) and HANNAH SCARLET was reported 4-30-1743 in Exeter Monthly Meeting, Robeson Township, Berks Co. Pa. His certificate was received from Sadsbury Mo. Meeting, Chester Co. Pa. 3-26-1743. The children of Thomas Musgrove and HANNAH SCARLET were as follows:

John Musgrove born 2-23-1744; died 6-10-1745
Mary Musgrove born 8-30-1745; certificate to Sadsbury Mo. Mtg. 4-29-1762; married David Jackson 5-15-1765.
Elinor Musgrove born 8-23-1747
Thomas Musgrove Jr. born 12-6-1749; died 6-14-1759
William Musgrove born 4-20-1754
Hannah Musgrove born 12-7-1751
Rachel Musgrove born 11-29-1756; died 2-28-1763
Abraham Musgrove born 7-17-1759.

WILLIAM IDDINGS Jr, son of WILLIAM and MARY IDDINGS (see my first letter to you) had five children by Hannah --------, his first wife:

Joseph Iddings
William Iddings 3rd born 11-21-1749; died 1804; married 5-23-1771 to Hannah Sharpless
Benjamin Iddings married 1776 to Phebe Wilkinson
James Iddings married 5-17-1780 to Mary Peirce
Hannah Iddings married 1784-5 to William Guthrie.

WILLIAM IDDINGS Jr. and HANNAH SCARLET, widow of Thomas Musgrove, were married 6-26-1766 in Robeson Meeting, Berks Co. Pa. They had one child:

JOHN IDDINGS born 12-25-1767 in Robeson Twp. Berks Co. Pa.; died 1838 in Baldeagle Valley, Center Co. Pa; married 6-21-1787 to ANN CARROLL.

This is the John Iddings your grandfather Ellis Irwin writes of in his autobiography.

Certificate was accepted at Caln Meeting, Chester Co. Pa. 9-16-1774 for William Iddings (Jr.) with wife Hannah (Scarlet), and children: Benjamin, Hannah and John, and a stepson, Abraham Musgrove.

He was married a third time on 9-25-1799 at East Caln Meeting, Chester Co., Pa. to another widow, Mrs. Abigail Windle, and he died 12-1-1800. No children by his third marriage.

JOHN IDDINGS and ANN CARROLL had 7 children whom I listed in my first letter to you. Of these the 6th was HANNAH IDDINGS, born 8-29-1808; married ELLIS IRWIN in Baldeagle Valley near Milesburg, Center Co. Pa. 1-10-1827; and died in Lick Run, Near Clearfield, Pa., 2-17-1881.

ELLIS IRWIN and HANNAH IDDINGS had 8 children, of whom the 2nd was JOHN FISHER IRWIN, born 2-20-1829 near Bellefonte, Pa.; married SARAH ELLEN RHEEM in Clearfield, Pa., 5-22-1866; and died in Clearfield, 11-17-1912.

JOHN FISHER IRWIN and SARAH ELLEN RHEEM had 7 children, of whom the 2nd was GEORGE RHEEM IRWIN, born 8-16-1868 in Clearfield, Pa; married ADALINE ISABELLE (Ada Belle) GEARHART in Clearfield, Pa., 6-29-1898: and the 7th was JOHN LEWIS IRWIN, born 3-13-1880 in Clearfield, Pa.; married EMMA BODINE BIDDLE 6-19-1907.

GEORGE RHEEM IRWIN and ADALINE ISABELLE (Ada Belle) GEARHART had 5 children, of whom the 2nd was JOHN ROBERT IRWIN, born 5-31-1900; in Clearfield, Pa.,; married 10-15-1920 MARY HARRIS in Norristown, Pa.

The last three paragraphs above I put in merely to keep the record of our several descent in this letter. I hope in my next letter to resume with the line of Sarah Ellen Rheem and carry on for record the children and descendants of John Fisher Irwin and Sarah Rheem.

I'm glad to hear Richard won't be doing combat duty in the army, We MUST win this war, but I sincerely hope none of us have to do any killing. But since it has to be done, I suppose we have no more right than any other good American to be exempt from it.

What data does Aunt Emma have on the BOGGS line? I have a lot on the early BOGGS and HARRISes but have been unable to connect her to them because of missing generations. Could you send me ALL you know about the UPDEGRAFFS of Carlisle, Pa.?

I am on my vacation now. I would have liked to spend it in Carlisle and the Baldeagle Valley-Bellefonte section and Clearfield getting family data and biographical material, visiting, and just plain relaxing, but my tires are no longer equal to it, and gasoline is too scarce and hard to get, and train fares are a bit too high for both Mary and me to make it. The temptation is strong, however, to risk it to Carlisle, I am very anxious to find out what I can about the Updegraffs and the Rheems. I can work on some of it in this region, however, for it seems the op den Graeffs were original settlers of Germantown, Phila, Pa. from Holland, one branch of whom went from Germantown to York County. And the Updegraffs of our line were in Cumberland County, right next door. Joe tells me the Rheem family who own the concern he works for are Irish Catholics, and come from California, and that their father was former president of the Standard Oil Co. Out there. John Henry Rheem went out there. Do you know anything about him? They might be descendants of Samuel Rheem and Susanna Wunderlich of Carlisle, but they were Methodists. Of course a Rheem could have married a Catholic in California. As to the Rheems being Irish, I'll have to have more than flip hearsay. What do you think Karl Irwin could tell me? I notice Karl spells his name Irwin. Wasn't Uncle Fred's name Irvin? Father said it was.

By the way, father says he remembers seeing your great grandmother, Mary Fisher Irwin, in Bellefonte on the occasion of her 92nd birthday in 1874 when he was six years old. He said two years old, but she was 92 in 1874 and he was six then. He says she was a little woman and very wrinkled, and he

remembers her appearance well. She was born 160 years ago!

Give my best to Aunt Emma and Richard and Louise. Tell Richard we wish him the very best of Infinite Kindness.

Affectionately,

Your nephew,

Robert

Biddle Road

Paoli, Pa.

P.S. Thanks for the stamps, but you didn't need to do that. As custodian of the family records, I feel that what I'm doing is an obligation to the family and all concerned, and a trust to be fulfilled.

July 12, 1942

Dear Uncle Lew:

This letter I shall devote for the most part to what information I possess of your mother's ancestry. How much of this you do not have I do not know; perhaps none of it will be new to you.

I have the following concerning

THE WUNDERLICH FAMILY

Translated from the Swiss Lexicon, Vol. xix, p. 613 and Vol. xiii, pp. 76-78.

WUNDERLICH...A family in the city of Zurich, from which Heinrich, Rudolph and another one participated in the battle of Murten, A.D. 1476.

Hannes, in the year 1489, and one of the same name in 1495, and Heinrich, in 1575, were members of the Great Council. The latter was also, in 1528 Master Warden; also Chief Bailiff of Maennedorf in 1529; in 1523 Treasurer, and in 1553 he became Major Butler of the Monastery of the Great Cathedral. Hans was also in the year 1546 in the Great Council and in 1562 Governor of the Province of Kronau. Heinrich,

in 1553, was in the Great Council; in 1575 Chief Bailiff; in 1578 Justice of Cappel; in 1601 again Chief Bailiff, and 1606 Major Butler of the Monastery of the Great Cathedral. Further, Hans, in 1578, and Hans Felix, in 1601, were in the Great Council, and in 1607 the latter was chief Bailiff, as was also Rudolph in 1611. Hans Heinrich, in 1613, and Jacob in 1675 were in the great Council. Jacob was also toward the end of the XV (sic) century, Prebendary of the Monastery of the Great Cathedral.

Some of the members of the Merveilleux family, however, also used the above name; Samuel, who obtained a share of the Manor of Worb, and in 1624 was in Great Council, and George, who was in the Great Council of the City of Berne, in 1657, and also became, in 1670, Governor of Tscherliz. This family, however, became extinct with him.

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VON MERVEILLEUX... A noble family in the city and Sovereignty of Neuberg, which was brought there in 1448, by Hans (Hanseli) Wunderlich, who was born in Kotelin in the Margravate of Baden, and who came with the Margrave Rudolph von Hochberg, who later made him his Treasurer. He subsequently changed his name by translating it into the French Language. He was also called Armbruster (Arbaletier) and was in the Great Council of the City of Neuberg. He died in 1492 and left William, who, in 1531, became Venner at Neuberg, and in 1544, after he and his sons had accepted the Evangelical Religion.

His younger son, Stephen, was Castellane of Thielle, as was also his son Johannes, who afterwards became Mayor of the City of Neuberg, but in 1584 exchanged this place for Vebber. He also obtained the Dominion of Essert, and in 1587 recruited a Company of 300 men in the service of King Henry of Navarre. He died at Lottrengen in the same year.

The elder son of the above mentioned Wilhelm, Johannes, rendered such good service to the Duke of Longueville, husband of the heiress of Neuberg, Johanne,

Margravine of Hochberg, that in 1529 the Helvetian Confederacy returned to them their domain. In the same year he was enobled, and various feudal tenures were conferred on him. He was also favored with the Tithe of Coffrane, and named as Privy Councillor in 1546. He was also Castellane of Thielle, and did much to improve the religious condition in Neuberg. He also received the right of Citizenship of Berne. Francis I, of France also appointed him as his official interpreter with the Helvetain Confederacy. Henry II appointed him Administrator of the Embassy to the same. Of his sons, Johannes was Privy Councillor of Neuberg in 1576, and in 1610, Commandant of the relief troops sent to the City of Berne. Wilhelmus and David, however, had issue and continued the race.

(A) Wilhelmus was, in 1579, Privy Councillor to the Duke of Longueville as Proprietor of Neuberg. He died in 1624. Of his sons, Samuel used the name of Wunderlich. From his wife, Maria von Diessbach, he received a part of the domain of Worb. In 1624, he became a member of the Privy Council of Berne, and died without issue in 1645.

(1) Stephanus was Councillor, and in 1640 Burgomaster of the City of Neuberg, and his son Ludovici's son, Friedericus, died unmarried in 1728, as Major and Commandant of the First Battallion of the Prinz of Sachsen-Gotha Regiment in the Royal Polnish and Chur-Sachstschen service.

(2) Wilhemus begat Georgium, who in 1642, again received the Civic Rights of the city of Berne, which his ancestors had forfeited. Subsequently he was in the Privy Council, in 1657, and in 1670 Governor of the Province of Tscherliz. He died December 5, 1702, without male issue. He, too, used the name of Wunderlich.

(3) Johannus Jacobus received from his first wife, Lady Elizabeth Balauche, the Domain of Bellevaux, and left the following sons: Simon, Lord of Bellevaux, in 1658 was in the Privy Council of Neuberg; in 1649 was Mayor of Rochefort, and

in 1670 Castellane of Thielle; Johannes Jacobus, who in 1647 was Venner of the City of Neuberg, and Isaac; and of the first was Samuel, who died young and childless as Mayor of Rochefort, and of the last, Henricus, who in 1704 went to England and on the Island of Guernsey.

(B) David, the other son of Johannes, was the Father of a son of the same name, who in 1625, was Privy Councillor of Neuberg, afterwards Mayor of Rochefort, and in 1638 of La Cote. He died in 1663 as Decanus and Elder of the Privy Council, leaving David and Johann Rudolff. David was the Duke Henrici Von Longueville's Attache and Interpreter at the Great Peace Congress at Munster in 1648; in 1650 Mayor of Boudevillers; 1653 Procurator-General; 1666 Privy Councillor; 1668 Castellane of Boudry, and died in 1684. He was the father of David Franciscus, who from his youth, as early as 1672, served in the United Netherland Service, and in the resulting wars, and especially at the siege of Namur, in 1691, served as Engineer, and assisted in the fortification of many places. He died as Captain and Engineer in 1712. In 1694 he published an introduction to Universal Geography, 8 vo.; also a geographical map of Neuchatel Vallangin. A new edition of the former was issued in two volumes, 8 vo., at the Hague in 1706. David was also the father of Carolus Ludivicus, who was the Ruler's inspector of Buildings and Forestry.

David Franciscus left four sons, all of whom served as officers in the Netherlands. Among these, Henricus Friedericus, as Captain-Lieutenant was killed at the siege of Tourney, in 1745. Of the sons of Carolus Ludovicus, David Franciscus was Royal French Secretary and Interpreter at the Grison Republic. He was arrested at Thur in 1710 by Thoma, Mesner, for the reason of which see article Mesner. In 1708 he made a new map of Rhaetia, and the ones published at London in 1739, "Amusemens des Bains de Bade, de Schinsnach, de Pfeffers." Samuel died as Captain-Lieutenant in the Royal French Service, Carolus Friederich entered the same service in 1707, and the Regiment Surbeck, and served as officer in the Battle of Oudenarde, and at the siege of Ghent, in 1708; at Arleux, in 1711; and in the

skirmish at Denain, and the sieges of Donay, Quesnoy and Bouchain, in 1712, and in 1713 at Kayserslauten and Landau. In 1714 he was lieutenant, and 1715 Captain-Lieutenant in the Regiment Hemel. In 1720 he was transferred to the Regiment Krarrer, and in 1725 was promoted to Captain Commandant of the Colonel's Battalion and September 3, 1741 as Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment in which he participated in the campaign in Louisiana, in America, in 1734, 1735 and 1736. He served during 1746, 1747 and 1748 on the ocean shores of Aunis and Saigntonge, participated in the seafight under de la Jonquierre, and died at Paris May 29, 1749. Francis Ludovicus was a Captain in the Regiment Monin in the same Royal French Service.

(2) Johan Rudolphus, the above mentioned David's son, was father of a David who was captain of a Company in the Royal French service and became an Adjutant to the Prince of Conde. He died in his 27th year at Dunkirk. Johan Rudolphus died as Lieutenant and Johann Jacobus as Major in the same service.

Samuel, who in 1687 was in the council of the City of Neuberg, in 1689 was Mayor of LaBrevine and LaChaux de Etalieres, and in 1709 was the King of Prussia's Privy Councillor at Neuberg. He died in 1743 in the 82nd year of his age, and left Wilhelmus, who in 1722 was Mayor of Bevaix in 1727 Privy Councillor at Neuberg. He died April 7, 1755 in the 64th year of his age.

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I have copied the above paper just as it is, though just what connection it has to our family is a mystery to me. I'll leave that for some other genealogist to work out. I'm not particularly interested in European genealogies. My own central interest is the part our family has played in American and particularly Pennsylvanian settlement and history.

I have an account by Lewis Monyer Rheem entitled:

Wunderlich Coat of Arms

GENEALOGY OF THE WUNDERLICH FAMILY

GENEALOGY.

Johannas Wunderlich. Born 1700 Ludvigsburg Germany. Carpenter later he was Zimmerhandworkobermeister and more Landwirth in the King's work yard Ludvigsburg, Germany,

Married Anna Barbara Denzbenn Born 1702 Died 1765. Issue 13 children. Of these number 8 was

Johannas - Born April 13th 1733 Died Sept 3rd 1818 (Buried in old graveyard at Carlisle, Penna.) Came to America from Wurtemburg, Germany, Oct, 16th 1751 Eighteen years of age, in ship Duke of Wurtemturg, Capt Montpelier from Rotterdam. Last from Cowes, England 106 passengers.

married

MARY ELIZABETH SICHELIN Born Dec. 13th, 1737 Died Nov 23rd 1818. (Buried in old graveyard at Carlisle Penna). Issue 11 children. Of these Number Nine was

SUSANNA WUNDERLICH Born January 1st 1778 Died Dec 26th 1815. Married (Dec 2nd 1794)

SAMUEL RHEEM Born 1774 Died 1830. Issue 9 children. Of these No. 6 was

GEORGE WILLIAM Born 1806 Died 1855. Married (1831)

LYDIA UPDEGRAPH Born 1811 Died 1890. Issue 10 Children as follows:

1. Charles Welch Born Jan 17th 1832 - Died 1855
2. George William Born July 20, 1833
3. John Henry Born April 12th 1835
4. Anna Matilda Born July 25th 1837 - Died
5. Samuel Jesse Born March 28th 1839
6. Sarah Ellen Born Sept. 16th 1841 -- Died 1887
7. Lydia Tarring Born Nov 13th 1843
8. Emma Susan Born May 3rd 1846
9. Jacob Alexander Born Dec 6th 1848 - Died
10. Lewis Monyer Born Aug 2nd 1851.

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NOTES

COAT Of Arms Description.

Sil-e-sie. This is the Motto, or perhaps war-cry. Silesia is a German and an Austraian province. QUERY. Has it reference to a campaign there? Cou pe

means a cut or illustration of which the matter following is a description. (The matter relating to the coat of arms was taken from a book on heraldry in the Astor Library in New York City by Mayor Cornman brother of the compiler of this genealogy. A number of efforts have been made to get a clear translation of by different linguists but no great success has attended.

Description in French. "Au I de a la croix d'Arg."

Translation. "To the first of Gules (red) with a cross of silver."

Description in French, "Au 2 Losange d'Arg et de gul."

Translation. "To the second lozengy of silver and of gules (red),"

LOZENGY: - Covered with lozenges or divided into lozenge shaped compartments.

GULES: Red color; intended perhaps to represent courage, animation or hardihood, and indicated in engraved figures of escutcheon and the like by straight perpendicular lines.

FROM "EGLES NOTES AND QUERIES" in Library at Harrisburg, Pa. "John Wunderlich married Barbara Denzbenn: Their son John Wunderlich born April 13th 1738 died Sept 3rd 1818.

He was a soldier of war of Revolution; was in Captain Samuel Cochran's Company Aug 12 1777 in its march to Philadelphia was John Wunderlich."

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TEST OATH: Vol 3 - Second Series State Penna Archives. Among the names you will find "John Adam Wertz, John Wertz, John WUNDERLICH.

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The descendants of any one who took the test oath in Pennsylvania are eligible to membership in the "Sons or Daughters of the Revolution."

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Form of Statement required to join these societies, as follows.

"Lydia Rachel Rheem daughter of Lewis Monyer Rheem who was a son of George William Rheem who was a son of Susanna Wunderlich who was a daughter of John (Johannas) Wunderlich. He was a soldier of the Revolution. He was in Captain Samuel Cochran's company Aug 12th 1777 in its march to Philadelphia."

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FURTHER NOTES: Taken from Vol. XIII 2nd Series Pennsylvania Archives. Published under the direction of W. S. Stenger Secretary of the Commonwealth; Edited by William H Egle M.D. 1887.

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Forword,

The following alphabetical list of soldiers of the war for independence has been compiled chiefly from the Depreciation Account Books in the office of the Auditor General of Pennsylvania.

It is difficult to distinguish between those of the line, The Association, Rangers or Militia and many of them, no doubt appear in the rolls already published; yet it has been deemed proper to print the list as it is. It contains nearly ten thousand names, and, as will be seen hereafter, but a small proportion of those heroes who gave us the heritage of liberty and free government we enjoy.

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Heading "SOLDIERS OF THE REVOLUTION".

On Page 246, "WONDERLICK JOHN".

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Note at the end of this List.

It may be here stated that in the foregoing list of Revolutionary officers and soldiers many of the names are duplicated, owing to the difference in the

orthography of surnames. It was deemed proper to preserve the record, as the great majority of the names are not to be found on the rolls of the soldiers of the Line or the Association which follow. It is not without interest or value.

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Officers of Tenth Battalion.

Returned August 26th 1780.

Lieut. COL. Robert Elder.

Major John Gilchrist

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SIXTH COMPANY

Captain Samuel Cochran.

Lieutenant Joseph Smith.

Ensign William McClure.

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CAPTAIN SAMUEL COCHRAN'S COMPANY.

A true return of Captain Samuel Cochran's Company of the Tenth Battalion of Lancaster County Militia, Commanded by Col Robert Elder.

Captain Samuel Cochran

Lieutenant Thomas Smith

Ensign William McClure

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Second Class.

"John Winderly".

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Return of the male whites of the sixth Company of the Tenth Battalion Lancaster County. April 16th 1781. By Samuel Cochran Captain.

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THE TEST OATH 1777-79,

Names of persons who took the Oath of Allegiance to the state of Pennsylvania in Paxtang Township 1777-79.

The following names are a list of persons who took and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance and fidelity as directed by an act of General Assembly of Pennsylcania, passed the 13th day of June A.D. 1777. Before me from the 14th day of July of the same year to this day, as witness my hand and seal the 28th day of January 1778 .

Joshua Elder (L.S.)

"We the subscribers, do swear (or affirm) that we renounce and refuse all allegiance to George the Third, King of Great Britain, his heirs and successors, and that we will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as a free and independent State, and that we will not, at any time, do or cause to be done, any matter or thing that will be prejudicial or injurious, and also, that we will discover and make known to some justice of the Peace of said State, all treasons and traitorous conspiracies which we may know, or hereafter shall know, to be formed against this or any of the United States of America".

Page 397 shows name of "JOHN WONDERLEIGH" and Page 398 Shows name of JOHN WONDERLEIGH JR. as subscribers to this Oath.

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Page 499 "John Windurley contributed 2 bushels of Wheat, 2 bushels of forage for support of the army."

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Variations in spelling are due to lack of knowledge of how to spell the name by those who kept the early records.

The extracts from the Penna records were copied by me February 21st 1902.

Lewis Monyer Rheem

Minneapolis, Minn.

I have copied the above paper as I have it. And whatever else he was, we are under deep obligation to your Uncle Lewis Rheem for his research.

Last October I wrote to Mr. Franklyn E. Edwards, 28th St. at 5th Ave, Hotel Latham, New York City, who is preparing an Updegraff Genealogy, giving him all the descendants of Lydia Updegraph that I had, and asking him what information he had as to her ancestry. He replied Nov. 1, 1941 as follows:

"Yours of the 30th rec'd this morning's mail, and I reply at once, as I am very much interested in your descent. I judge you have not seen the will of Susan Updegraff, & if not, it will aid you materially in tracing your earlier ancestors. I copied the will a year ago & last summer went over to Carlisle to see if I could locate the cemetery referred to, -- thinking the grave of Susan's father was there. However, -- I got deterred, when I inquired at the Y.M.C.A. -- where I got no information of the cemetery, - & was told that Russell Updegraff -- one of the District Attorneys, would be found at the Surrogates' office, -- & another young Updegraff -- was working near in a jeweler's shop.

"So I went back to the Court House & met Mrs. Russell Updegraff -- & had a pleasant talk with him. He promised to send me his line complete, when I gave him a permanent address. I shall write him immediately.

"I should state that the different spellings of the name is not material in this instance, -- tho' often of prime importance. We have found others spelling the name as you do. I copied my last notes in a big hurry, -- but can

always check them up. I am hoping I can get the genealogy typed this winter so it can be printed next summer, or winter at latest. One of the family is ready to underwrite the publ's, -- but when one passes seventy five, there is no certainty when the end may come.

"Some of the Carlisle people are descended from Peter Updegraff -- who settled in Newberry Twp -- about 1740-45. His brother Herman located in York the same time. I have the greater part of Herman's descendants, & from one son of Peter. His descendants had an old Dutch Bible & in it is given the date of his marriage to Gertrude, and a list of their children --

Maragrait	b.	June 1, 1724
Catarvena	b.	Oct. 27, 1727
Peeteries	b.	Feb. 16, 1730
Susanna	b.	Jan. 31, 1733
Herman	b.	Aug. 6, 1740

In the Bible of pedigree is traced through Herman -- no trace of Peeteries, -- or children & I believe he died young, -- tho' possibly he left a son?

I came near overlooking a possible ancestor of your line. The second son of Herman U---- of York borough married 1762, Sarah, widow of John Day, Jr., -- nee Bennett. We know she had a son,John, by her first husband, -- perhaps another, but there is no record of children by William U---, -- except those indicated by the Census of 1790-- of William Updegrove of Eastern Cumberland district. I found several deeds to and from Wm. Up-- of Warrington-- and a sheriff's sale 1782 of his property to satisfy a claim, -- before 1791. I have always believed that then he moved on to a farm which came to Sarah Day, -- or to her elder son John Day, from the senior Day. The census of 1790, -- A-1-2, - Wm. Updegrove, -- and John Day, 1-1-5.

"According to these Wm Up--'s family consisted of himself & three other males over fifteen, -- one male under, & wife & another female, -- a dau.?

"The younger son was born between 1775 & 1790 -- and could be father of Lydea -- b. 1811.

"Lydia was a very popular name in Herman's family. Herman Up---, elder bro. of Wm. married Lydea Heald, -- & several descendants named Lydia.

"John Day & Sarah Bennett married 22nd mo. 1756. I have not the date of John Day's death, but Sarah married Wm. Updegraff-- 3d mo. 16th day, - 1762, -- so possibly by John Day she had three children.

"At the time Landis Mill was destroyed by citizens of Harrisburg, an Atraham Updegraff was taxed, the least of all, -- no record that he paid the tax, -- nor where he settled.

"I have found my record above & transcribe below--

From Annals of Harrisburg -- Morgan--

"1795 Jan. 21. Estimate of proportion of each citizen toward purchase of Landis' Mill--

"Abraham Updegraff -- 18s (one of least -- only 3 others less) & one the same. - Not listed with unmarried men.

"From Kelker's Dauphin Co., Vol. II, - p. 1024

"Return of 1st Co--2d Reg't-- Capt James Harlan, Oct. 6, 1794, -- Whiskey Insurrection -- 'Abraham Updegraff, marched against Western Insurgents.'

"Private Atraham Updegraff in return of 1st Co. 2d Reg't.

"Capt. James Wallace -- Oct. 6, 1794

Roll of Militia -- 1st & 2d Classes -- Co. Thos Forster's Reg't.

2d Cl. William Updegrove. [prob. brothers]

"Kindly send any further particulars you can, -- especially identify the cemetery to which Susan refers. Perhaps Mr. Shank of Harrisburg may be near sometime & take a look. He has searched a great number of cemeteries both sides of the river. Please excuse this measley carasol. My type writer's still in

storage.

Very truly yours,

"Franklyn E. Edwards."

He enclosed the following:

"Susan Updegraff -- of Carlisle, -- d. Aug. 5, 1889

Cumberland Co., Pa.

"Will: -- dated 13 July, 1882. Bk S.- p 552

to sister Matilda Woods -	
to sister Lydea Rheem - her house lot in Pomfret St.	
to brother Jacob W. Updegraff & Eliz his wife	$250.00
to niece Sarah A. Moore	$100.00
to nephew John H. Rheem	$100.00
to 1st Methodist Ch - Carlisle	$100.00

If remainder to niece, Anna M. Wallace.

If remainder to my sister Lydea Reeme

Codicil - Matilda dec'd -- John H. & Lydea Rheem, Exectra.

Signed Susanna Updegraff-

wts Jacob Bretz
John Hyar

"Letter granted 23 Aug. 1889 to Geo. Wm. Rheem

John H. Rheem having renounced.

"Alexander Woods - mard to Matilda Updegraff - by Rev Wm. C. Launsdens?

"Linn Updegraff -- Mechanicsburg -- to Samuel F. Updegraff - both of

Allen Twp. (by same)

"Vol. 4 - B. 1 - p. 202.

"Matilda Woods & Susan Updegraff to John Butcher -- lot a part of that

conveyed by said Samuel F. Geist and wife to Susan & Matilda Updegraff by deed Mch 29, 1839.

"Orphans Court -- Carlisle"

"11 April, 1832, -- Upon petition of Jacob W. Updegraff To the court, therein stating -- That he is a minor above the age of fourteen years and has no person to take charge of his person and estate, -- praying the Court to permit him to choose a suitable person for the purpose, whereof Wm. Rheem being nominated is approved of and appointed guardian during his minority.

"In Census 1850 -- Cumberland Co. -- Pa.

"I have one Updegraff -- of Boro of Carlisle. --

Susan Updegraff -- age 45, b. Pa. (1805)"

I deferred replying to his letter, hoping to get to Carlisle this summer, but now that the war has upset things, it looks improbable. Father remembers visiting his great aunt Susan Updegraff in Carlisle when he was a boy and there is no doubt about her being your grandmother's sister. Do you have, or can you get, any information on the Updegraffs? If we could trace out the connections, I could then forward it to Mr. Edwards to be put in the Updegraff Genealogy, if it isn't too late.

I know so little about the Rheems. Aunt Emmie is the only one I remember seeing.

I have a clipping of the death of Lydia (Updegraff) Rheem, viz,:

4-27-1890.

"At 5:30 o'clock Sunday morning, at the residence of Fred B. Irwin, near this place, surrounded by her sons and daughters, Mrs. Geo. W. Rheem died. She has been ill health since January and though she bore her seventy-nine years well, it was seen that she would not recover, and with one exception her children arrived here several days before her death. Those present were

John H. Rheem of Ottumwa, Iowa; Samuel J. Rheem and Lewis M. Rheem of Omaha, Neb,: Mrs. Annie M. Wallace, of Red Cloud, Nebraska; George W. Rheem [Jr] of this place [Clearfield, Pa.] and Mrs. Emma Irwin, at whose home the mother died. The absent one was Mrs. Lydia Lighton of Leavenworth, Kansas. The deceased was the widow of Geo. W. Rheem, Sr., who died in August, 1855 and she had been a resident of Clearfield since 1851."

"I also have a clipping of the death of Uncle George William Rheem, Jr.:

"The subject of this sketch was born at Carlisle, this State on the 20th day of July, 1833 and died in his 79th year on Wednesday night the tenth of April 1912 at 10:45 o'clock at the residence of his youngest sister, Mrs. Fred B. Irwin, in this place [Clearfield]. His burial took place from the Trinity M E church of which he had so long been a member, at three o'clock on Friday afternoon, April 12, 1912. . .

"Mr. Rheem came from Carlisle with his father and mother and other members of the family to this county and after a short residence at Karthaus they came to this town in the Spring of 1851. His father, of the same name, died in 1854. His mother, Lydia [Updegraff] Rheem, not until April 1890. After his father's death, George, as the oldest son, took his father's place in the family and in the church. There were four sons and four daughters, George W., the deceased; John W., who lives at Ottumwa, Iowa; Samuel, at Pasedena, Cal.; and Lewis, at Minneapolis, Minn.; Annie (wife of the late Robert L Wallace) who died in May 1895; Sarah, (wife of John F Irwin of this place) who died in November 1887; Lydia, (wife of the late Professor Lighton) now living in Arkansas; and Emma, (wife of Fred B. Irwin) of this place.

"The deceased was married in 1861 to Eliza, daughter of the late Henry Stone who was at one time County Commissioner. They had one daughter, Jennie, who died in September 1900, and Mrs. Rheem died on the 6th of May 1909, so that

all his immediate family had passed away, leaving him in his last years in a sense alone in the world. The cheerful spirit and profound philosophy of life which governed him in his whole career did not forsake him at this trying time."

The rest of the obituary is an eulogy.

On Uncle Fred Irwin's line (a different line of Irwins) I copy the following exerpts from the Commemorative Biographical Record of Central Pennsylvania (the account is a very long one, so I'll just hit the high spots; if you would like the whole account, I'll copy it out for you):

"Henry Irwin, grandfather of our subject, was one of the first three settlers in the vicinity of Clearfield, the others being Matthew Ogden and Abram Hess. Henry Irwin came from Ireland, in 1783, with his wife Margaret and one child, and located first in Lewistown, Penn., but in 1786 removed to the site of the present city of Clearfield. At that time the locality was still covered with dense forests, and the Indians were plentiful, one settlement having their camps on Moose Creek, opposite Clearfield. Wild animals of all kinds were numerous -- bears, panthers and wolves, being unpleasantly close neighbors; while deer, elk and moose furnished an abundant supply of game. The rivers were well stocked with fresh-water salmon, shad, and other nice fish, and the small streams literally swarmed with brook trout, so the newcomers found Nature in a generous mood. As they cleared their land they began to raise wheat and other crops, but for a number of years their only way of making flour was by hollowing out a sort of mortar in a rock, and therein pounding the grains of wheat with a pestle. The nearest trading point was Lewistown, one hundred miles away, and any supplies brought from there had to be carried on horseback through the woods by way of an Indian trail. The entire section was known as the Lewistown district, and the county lines were not run for some years after "Grandfather Irwin" (as he was called) located at Clearfield. In 1802 he secured a claim farther down

the river, about three and one-half miles from Clearfield, on what is known as the Karthaus road, and this place he cleared and improved for a permanent home, a house and barn being built of hewed logs."

His son, "James Irwin was born in 1808, and reared to manhood at the old homestead in Lawrence township. **He married Miss** Eliza Jane Jacobs, of Centre county, a woman of much force of character and mental ability, who was one of the first school teachers in Clearfield county."

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Their son, Frederick B. Irwin, "was born in 1841, at the homestead in Lawrence township, Clearfield county. . . In 1868 he married Miss Emma S[usan] Rheem, who was born in Carlisle, Penn., in 1846, the youngest daughter of George and Lydia Rheem, afterward residents of Clearfield. . . He has two children, a son and a daughter. The former, Karl R., who was born at Bald Hill, May 20, 1869, completed the course of study offered in the common schools," etc. . . "He is not married. Helen Irwin, the only daughter, was born at Bald Hill, in 1870. . . She married Roland C. Wright, a business man of Clearfield, and they have "three" children, Frederick W. and Marian" and Roland Curtin Wright, Jr.

The last time I saw Uncle Fred, he gave me a copy of Mark Twain's Life on the Mississippi "to remember him by." Do you know the date of Aunt Emmie's death? I suppose Marian would know.

Father received the following letter from Karl Irwin"

"KARL R. IRWIN

DIAMONDS

Bridgeport, Pennsylvania,

1705 Second National Bank
Bldg., Toledo, Ohio,
October Thirtieth
1940

"Dear George;-

Received your letter this afternoon, and was glad to have some word from you, you like myself have been away from Clearfield for many years, and few of the old

timers are left, and when I go down I seldom see any one I know.

"My reason for writing you at once, is that I thought you might enjoy the enclosed letter, this I found among some old papers that Helen had, and brought it back with me, you may recall the time Uncle Lew went into the mining business, and wanted your Father and mine also Uncle George Rheem to buy stock in his wild cat mine.

"I recall later on when I was traveling in the west Uncle Lew and Aunt Rachel were living in Helena Montana, he was strictly up against it and I loaned him $300.00 to keep them alive, and he died penniless, so I think the folks at home were wise in not investing anything in gold mines.

"Aunt Rachel has been in a home in St. Paul for the past few years, but I think Lydia took her to Oklahoma where she and Herb have a small farm, how the world has changed, glad to know you and Ada have good health, mine has been pretty well shattered since I was shot back in 1929 I still carry a bullit in my left side of face directly back of the malar bone, and I suffer continually.

"You need not return this letter but I thought you might enjoy reading it

"Love to you and family
"Karl"

Enclosed was this letter from your Uncle Lewis Monyer Rheem to Uncle Fred Irwin:

"Minneapolis Minn. Apr. 30th 1908.

"Dear Fred:

"Yours received; I see it is useless for me to try to swindle any of you people there; you are too foxy; too well posted on mining. To catch you people good and plenty they have to put up artists like these who have stolen the state of Pennsylvania body breeches, capitol and all of it. That's what you all like because you are use to it; so that when Saint Quay, Penrose, Pennypacker and all their understudies and strikers trim you for ten times as much money as has ever

been lost in the mining or any other business, you keep right on electing them just as you will do this fall. Its grand and ennobling; beautiful beyond description. Well God bless you all, hang to it if it suits you.

"A man who unexpectedly throws a new thought, a new swindle, or a really good thing in among you knowing boys of the Susquehanna Valley, runs a horrible risk as he stands for prosecution for manslaughter, owing to the fact that so many of you fall dead on the getaway. I consider myself lucky in only having stirred you livers a little; but suppose I owe brother John Irwin something on account of having thereby cut down his sales of Peruna, Wine of Cardui, Duffy's Malt Whiskey and other good honest dope advertised in the religious papers so extensively. You might tell John to send his bill. I hate to see a really honest boy get the worst of it.

"I can readily appreciate brother George's strong antipathy to mines and mining and all and singular connected therewith; a mine goes in exactly the opposite direction from that in which he has stored the great bulk of his treasure, and while moth and rust have never been known to attack either gold, silver, or copper, you cant tell what the weevis and the fat boys might do to these metals. But he ought not to make these humorous cracks about not being willing to give ten cents a share for all the mining stock in the west; because when a man with his great knowledge of mining and mining methods and his familiarity with modern processes of the reduction and smelting of metals makes such an assertion, people get scared, the market all goes to pieces and those misguided persons who are drawing $80.00 a year per share on the $25.00 par value shares of the Calumet and Hecla mine, $8.00 a share per year on the $1.00 par value shares of the Bunker Hill and Sullivan mine, and like dividends on the shares of the other 350 dividend payers of the U.S. will get panic stricken and give up such a miserable investment. Tell George to be careful or he will bring on a panic that will make the present

one look like a blind man playing polo with a lot of experts.

"No, Fred, I would not want to take the responsibility of waking you people up; dream on! dream on! And above all dont forget that breezy party who came there in 1905 and trimmed the boys to a fancy frazzle; and in my humble opinion they got what they deserved and what they were born for and looking for; there is a sucker born every minute or better, and the species has been certainly prolific along the banks of the Susquehanna in the neighborhood of Clearfield, according to your story they have killed off the trout and there is not a game fish in the bunch. This 1905 party, (dont ever forget him), was a stranger; so the boys were easy marks for him; but you all know me so well that I havent any show at all to trim you up.

"I expected to go to N.Y. a few days ago and may go yet; I intended to spend a day in Clearfield; do you think it would be safe for me to show up there. May have to go out to the mine too as we are now in good shape and dont need anybody's money; have just about closed a big deal and will have enough money to buy the Mapes farm if they dont want more than $50.00 a square foot.

"We hear from California quite often thro George; he is working in the Supt's office of the Western Union Tel. Co. and doing well. Royal is doing fine in his business; making big money; Herb was in the other day and Lydia will be in in a few days.

"Love to all.

"Your brother,

"L.M. Rheem."

Whew! He seemed a bit warm under the collar, didn't he?

Do you know the date of Rol Wright's death?

I have a number of your father's obituaries, the one following being the most informative:

"John F [isher] Irwin, the well known Clearfield druggist, died at his residence on Second street, Sunday, November 17th 1912, shortly after noon. He had been ill only a few hours. Death was due to the infirmities of years resulting in a general collapse. He was aged 83 years, 8 months and 27 days.

"John F. Irwin was the second son of Ellis and Hannah Iddings Irwin, born in Bellefonte, Centre county, February 20th, 1829. The family moved to Clearfield county the same year, settling on the Grampian Hills, in Penn township. Four years later, in 1833, they moved to Curwensville, and in 1835 to Clearfield. The deceased worked for his father in the store, on the farm and assisted him in the various county offices he filled, Prothonotary, Register and Recorder, Postmaster and Sheriff. In 1851 he was elected Clerk to the County Commissioners. From 1856 to 1862 he clerked in the William Irwin store at Curwensville. August 1862 he enlisted in Company B, 149 Penn'a. Vol. Second Bucktails; was made sergeant, afterwards promoted to Second Lieutenant, First Lieutenant and to Adjutant of the regiment."

From another obituary I have:

"His parents were Ellis and Hannah Iddings Irwin, honored pioneers of this section of the State. The family has always been a loyal and patriotic one, and the maternal grandmother was a near relative of the Carroll who was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

"Mr. Irwin inherited the patriotism of his ancestors and on August 11, 1861 [should be 1862], he enlisted in Co. 'B' 149th P.V.I. under Col. John Irwin. He was promoted several times until Sept. 5, 1864 he was made Adjutant. He participated in many engagements as follows: Chancellorsville, Va., May 1 to 4, 1863; Gettysburg, July 1 to 3; Bristol Station, Va., Oct. 14, 1863; Wilderness, May 7, 1864; Spottsylvania, May 7, 8 and 18; 1864; Petersburg, Va., Laurel Hill, Yellow Tavern, Hatcher's Run, Weldon Railroad and Ft Steadman. On May 24, 1865

he was honorably discharged and mustered out by reason of a general order of the War Department."

Going back to the first obituary:

"In November of that year [1865] he entered into partnership with Dr. J. G. Hartswick in the Clearfield drug store succeeding Samuel Huston, and has continued in the same business ever since. This store was first located on Market street next to Windsor Hotel; then adjoining Mo-sop's general store, alley side, next in building where W. B. Ogden is now located; all on Market street. Here they remained until 1871, when the firm moved into their own building on Second street and have been located there ever since.

"After the death of Dr. Hartswick in 1896, the name of the firm was changed to the Irwin Drug Co., Ellis Irwin [his son] succeeding to the Hartswick interest."

From The Commemorative Biographical Record of Central Pennsylvania, I copy:

"A native of Centre county, Penn., Mr. Irwin was born near Bellefonte, February 20, 1829, but the same year was brought to Clearfield county by his parents, Ellis and Hannah (Iddings) Irwin, the latter a daughter of John and Ann (Carroll) Iddings, honored pioneers of this section of the State. The family has ever been a loyal and patriotic one, and the maternal grandmother was a near relative of the Carroll who was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. John Iddings was a prominent farmer of Centre county, where he died, a consistent member of the Society of Friends." Your father was a Friend until the Civil War. In 1873 he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in Clearfield.

JOHN FISHER IRWIN, son of ELLIS IRWIN and HANNAH IDDINGS, was born 2-20-1829 near Bellefonte, Centre County, Pa.; died in Clearfield Pa., 11-17-1912.

SARAH ELLEN RHEEM, daughter of GEORGE WILLIAM RHEEM, SR. and LYDIA UPDEGRAFF, was born 9-16-1841 in Carlisle, Cumberland County, Pa.; died in Clearfield, Pa., 11-25-1887.

JOHN FISHER IRWIN and SARAH ELLEN RHEEM were married in Clearfield, Pa., 5-22-1866 by Dr. Monroe, later presiding elder of the Altoona, Penna., Methodist Episcopal Conference by Methodist Episcopal ceremony. They had seven children:

Edith Irwin, born in Clearfield, Pa. 2-25-1867; died there, 10-17-1876.
George Rheem Irwin, born Clearfield 8-16-1868
Ellis Irwin, born in Clearfield 11-4-1870
Lydia Irwin born in Clearfield 1-12-1873; died same day.
Clara Augusta Irwin born Clearfield 12-9-1875; died in Jacksonville Fla. 4-24-1941; buried in Clearfield.
Fannie Lydia Irwin born in Clearfield 2-11-1878
John Lewis Irwin born in Clearfield 3-13-1880.

Edith died in childhood.

George Rheem Irwin was married to Adaline Isabelle (Ada Belle) Gearhart in Clearfield, Pa. 6-29-1898, by Methodist Episcopal ceremony.

Ellis Irwin (the younger) is single.

Lydia died in infancy.

Clara Augusta Irwin was married to Marcus Deal Wayman, Jr. in Norristown, Montgomery County, Pa. 12-14-1918; divorced him, 1926, No children.

Fannie Lydia is single.

John Lewis Irwin was married to Emma Bodine Biddle in Clearfield, Pa. 6-19-1907 (by Methodist Episcopal ceremony?).

You know the above, but I put it down for the record.

If you want it, I will give you my father (George Rheem Irwin)'s descendants to the present; also mother's ancestry. If Aunt Emma will give me what information she has, I'll try the best I can to carry back her lines to the earliest ancestors I can find record of. I notice one of her lines goes back to Phila. so I should be able to do something there.

I have a letter which your father wrote to his father from Weldon Railroad, just before the battle, during the Civil War. It reads as follows:

"Weldon R. R.

Aug. 24th, 1864, 8 a.m.

"Dear Father

"I don't remember the date of my last letter but several days ago. I think we have had one fight since, that is on the 21st, the rebels made an attack on our front about 10 o'clock and were completely routed scarcely a man of their 1st line left many of them killed & wounded and balance came in as prisoners We had a fair sweep at them with artillery an infantry and were behind entrenchments for the 1st time. We did not lose a man in the engagement. We however had 2 killed 3 wounded and 21 taken prisoner on the skirmish line which occurred by another reg't (which was joining on the skirmish line) breaking and letting our skirmish line be flanked. Since our move on this railroad I think the losses are about equal on both sides the enemy have suffered most in killed and wounded Col. Hartshorn and about 700 of his men are prisoners including his staff John Haslet & Elliot Kratzer were on his staff his Ass't Adj't Genl escaped Gen Crawford was not taken as was reported. We have had very heavy rain and this is a very flat and swampy country nearly impossible to move artillery and wagons and I think we will have to remain here until there is a change in the weather and better roads. We are on the extreme left the Cavalry on our front they had some skirmishing last night towards Reams Station I think we would have had the other R. R. Cut before this if the weather and roads had not been so bad -- I rec'd a letter from Joseph a few days ago he said he and Lewis were going to try and be exempted from draft. I don't think either of them fit for the service at all As the mail is about closing I must do so My love to all

"Your aff. Son

"Ino F. Irwin."

Well, this is the longest letter of them all, but I wanted to get grandmother's line, such as I had, all in this letter.

I know so little of the Rheems and practically none of the Updegraffs. Perhaps between us we can get somewhere with their lines.

Well I am a little weary writing, but I enjoyed writing it. I get a big kick out of genealogical and historical work -- including the present. I try to save little mementoes of present for future generations. I hope some of them will have some interest. Dorothy has none; Betty very little; the boys have more, though they are younger. I keep a carbon of what I write you for the family records. The Chester County Historical Society have been making a hand-printed copy of this correspondence on lasting paper for their records. I wish you could see their copy -- it is a work of art, and a credit to the copier and to the Society.

Give our love to the folks.

Affectionately,

Your nephew,

Robert

Biddle Road,

Paoli, Pa.